

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

### PICTURING THE PRESENT & THE FUTURE

#### 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.



**August 23rd  
10:30a.m.**

The OSLC council and pastors, along with Josh Schuler, Senior Advisor with Trebuchet Group in Fort Collins, will lead us through a conversation and brainstorming session around our core values and where we would like to head in the next five years. Josh has spent time with our council and pastors and we look forward to hearing from YOU! Please mark your calendars for this day and time. Refreshments will be provided and we expect that it will take about 90 minutes. Nursery care will be available during this time as well. We hope to see you there!

### RALLY DAY-AUGUST 30TH-

#### Schedule of Events

**9:00 a.m.-Worship**

**10:00 a.m.-Food & Activities**

**3:15 p.m.-Sixth Grade Acolyte Training**

**4:00 p.m.-Confirmation Fair**

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## LETTERS FROM THE PASTORS

***“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”***  
**Psalm 51:10**

Martin Luther saw Baptism as a one-time event that invited us into a relationship with God of daily renewal. This year in our worship themes, bible studies and in other special opportunities we will join together on a *Journey of Renewal as way to come together engaging our inner spiritual journey with one another and with connections to God and our community. There are many ways to renew, refresh and deepen your spiritual life and everyday connections. We hope that you will find ways to join us this year on this journey and to offer up your own experiences as well*

Our fall theme is “Which Way: Renewing your Sense of Direction” and we ask the question, re you satisfied with what you are doing in your relationships with God and others? As a congregation we have sought to create a wide road while remaining centered on Christ, but how do we know if we are going in the right direction. Sometimes we need to spend a little time simply stopping to assess where we are. A compass helps ensure a person maintain their point of direction. Have you thought about your spiritual compass? As we enter into a *Journey of Renewal this will be our first stop along the way. Join us in worship as we examine where we’ve been and where we are going this fall by renewing our sense of direction. Join us August 30th-- Rally Day as we kick off this journey together!*

Another part of this Journey and focusing in on our compass as a community will be to join together on August 23rd at 10:30am for a special focus called Picturing our Present and our Future. The OSLC council and pastors, along with Josh Schuler, Senior Advisor with Trebuchet Group in Fort Collins, will lead us through a conversation and brainstorming session around our core values and where we would like to head in the next five years. Josh has spent time with our council and pastors and we look forward to hearing from YOU! Please mark your calendars for this day and time. Refreshments will be provided and we expect that it will take about 90 minutes.

Childcare for ages 0-12 will be available during this time as well.

Please look through the [Signal](#) and watch the e news for classes, workshops, and other opportunities to engage renewal. Some highlights are below:

**Small Groups** “Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture” starts September 11

**Weekly Bible Study** begins September 16 and September 17

**Sunday morning Adult Education** September-October: The Gifts of Imperfection

**Theology Pub** August 24th and September 17th

**FoCoLu Youth and Family** events start August 30th

**Sunday School** for preschool-Adults start September 13th

**Pray & Play** for Young Families begins September 20th

**Sky Ranch Yoga Retreat** September 18-20th

**Journey of Renewal Monthly**--times TBA

+May you know God’s renewing and forever love in and among you each day+

Pastor Michael Stadtmueller and Pastor Leta Behrens

## THOUGHTS FROM THE INTERN

It is hard to believe that almost a full year has gone by since I began my internship at Our Saviour's! As a pastor-to-be, this time has provided a wonderful opportunity to grow amidst strong and knowledgeable leaders and to once again stretch my pastoral wings through preaching, teaching, leading worship, and nurturing community. As a family, Michaelae, Ellie, Aiden and I are profoundly grateful for the warm welcome, love and hospitality that you have shown us all. Thank you again for your courage and willingness to have me as your Pastoral Intern during this year and for your warm welcome of my entire family. Please know that we are profoundly grateful for you all and that

you will continue to hold the warmest possible place in our hearts!

*Diana Linden-Johnson,*  
Intern Pastor



## GOODBYE AND GODSPEED, DIANA

On the weekend of August 8 and 9, Intern Pastor Diana Linden-Johnson will conclude her one-year internship with Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

With gratitude and in friendship, we'll celebrate her ministry experience with us. And we'll say goodbye to Diana as she continues to work through an ELCA process toward ordained ministry.

After worship services on August 8 and 9, come to a cookie reception on the church lawn. Take a moment to say goodbye and godspeed to Diana and her family: her

partner Michaelae and their children Ellie and Aiden.

Cookies and bars: If you'd be willing to bring a batch of cookies or bars for the receptions, please contact Wes Petersen, [wesha92@msn.com](mailto:wesha92@msn.com), 970.206.0937.

Diana's pastoral experience at Our Saviour's has been deep and wide, helping to prepare her well for ordained ministry. For her, highlights have included her leadership in the Lenten small groups and Chocolate Feast, the Theology Pub, and adult Bible studies. She has grown in her comfort with and depth of preaching. She

has connected well in the caring aspects of pastoral ministry -- including visits, a funeral, marriage preparation, and a recent baptism.

A letter from Intern Pastor Diana will arrive in the mailboxes of OSLC members soon.

The Internship Committee has wholeheartedly recommended Diana as a strong pastoral candidate. Diana's presence among us has been a gift that has expanded our hearts in countless ways. Goodbye and godspeed, Diana.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

### THE BLESSING OF BEING USED BY GOD

*God's Work - Our Hands* has been a popular theme for congregational direction and activity. The theme is well chosen and challenging beyond imagination. It could go in almost any direction and cover countless programs and functions. Everyone with any degree of intention can become involved. There is no limit to its reach. It paints with an amazingly broad stroke.

Its focus is basically outward reaching into the world as it should. The needs of the world are immense. Human effort to respond to them is strained to the limits. With the intended focus on efforts and results little attention is paid to another dimension of this struggle to make a difference.

There is a byproduct of this movement to assist the world in sustaining itself including the environment along with humanity. That byproduct is the blessing that comes *to us* as we allow ourselves to be used by God. That blessing is huge. The truth is (you have heard it many times before) *we always receive more than we give*. Giving away ourselves is the absolute best investment we can ever make throughout life. We gain life by sharing our lives generously. It is the oldest and most accurate mathematics ever used

and taught. It is one of God's miracles.

There is a catch, however. If the focus ever turns from the needs of the world to the gain for ourselves, then the gain is lost - forfeited. The focus must remain on the need, the other person or persons and the earth itself.

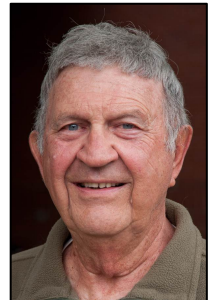
Nevertheless, the blessings that come to us from being God's hands (and heart) in the world are the most valuable and long lasting we will ever receive. They do need to be acknowledged and celebrated in deeply felt gratitude.

The value of this mysterious dynamic that God puts into motion is the value of focusing on the needs of other people and the earth. We move ourselves *out of focus* including our failures, weaknesses, and health issues as well as our positive achievements. We do not spend our time focusing on ourselves, but focus on God's involvement in our lives, using us for divinely directed mission and purpose.

This process might begin as a religious activity on our part, but mysteriously becomes a fantastic spiritual gift from God. As we allow ourselves to be channels for God's mercy and goodness, they rub off on us as they pass through us. An inexplicable transformation of who

we are takes place. We discover to our amazement that we have metamorphosed into *new creatures* who experience joy at a whole new level.

*Fred Castor*  
Spiritual Guide



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## WELCOMING ALL THROUGH WORSHIP

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE AUGUST & SEPTEMBER, 2015

#### August

**Preaching Series: Psalms**

#### **Sundays:**

Now the Feast

2nd Sunday: Celebration Band

#### **Saturdays:**

Holden

3rd Saturday: Joyous Light

#### **Special Events in August:**

August 9th-Intern Pastor Diana's Last Day

August 30th-Rally Day

#### September

**Preaching Series:**

**"Which Way: Renewing your Sense of Direction"**

#### **Special Events in September:**

Sept. 13th-Return to regular Worship Times

Sept. 13th-Confirmation, 11a.m .Service

## WELCOMING ALL THROUGH LEARNING

### 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 3	<b>Close Your Eyes, Hold Hands</b> by Chris Bohjalian (Fort Collins Reads)	Christine Butler Discussion:
Sep 7	<b>Tallgrass</b> – Sandra Dallas	Karen Wulff Discussion: Wanda Knauer
Oct 5	<b>The Aviator's Wife</b> - Melanie Benjamin	



## ADULT EDUCATION

### EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES THIS FALL FOR ADULTS

#### **Small Groups - our goal is over 75 joining in this together!**

Join small group this fall as we look at Walter Brueggeman's Video Series "Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture." These groups will be meeting 5 times over about 2 months. Sign up Now to be assigned to a group or consider leading one at a time or place not yet provided.

**Small Group Fall Kick Off Event will be held Friday, September 11th** starting at 6:30PM with a showing of "Invictus" with Morgan Freeman. This kick-off to our small groups on Saturday, September 11th will allow last second commitments, but we encourage you to join now, by signing up on the display or following the link found on our website. Childcare for ages 0-12 will be provided that night with their own movie and bible study.

Groups meeting times will vary, but groups will have 5 meetings between September and early November. We will have a closing dinner in mid-November. The prophets small group has a study book available for \$15. We appreciate those who can register ahead of time, so that we have the appropriate number of books. Small Group times available (but not limited to) include: Sundays at 9:45 and 11:00AM, Wednesdays 7:00 PM, Thursdays 9:30 AM. See our website for a full list of those times available and watch for opportunities to sign up.

#### **Sunday Morning 9:45-10:45**

Gifts of Imperfection--September 13-October 10, 2015: Come and find out what it means to explore spirituality creatively and has a whole-hearted person. The Gifts of Imperfection is a book written by Brene Brown and offers 10 guideposts to 'imperfect, whole-hearted living'. We will learn about these guideposts and how they interact with scripture, our faith, and our daily journey as Christians. Led by: Pastor Michael and Pastor Leta

#### **Wednesday - Thursday Bible Studies**

This year our regular education times for weekly Bible Studies are Wednesday's at 7PM and Thursday at 9:30AM. This is time change is to better work with our Pastor's schedules. We will begin the year by joining our other small groups in looking at the prophets, and continue later in the fall with a study of the Psalms. The first of these times will begin September 16th and September 17th and will continue weekly through November 19th, resuming again January 13-May 19th, 2016.

#### **Theology Pub**

Theology Pub is an opportunity for people to be honest and open about topics of faith, ask any questions, and at the end of the night, know that it's perfectly fine if we disagree with one another. We will continue partnering with Lutheran Campus Ministry and meet on one of the last Thursdays of the month (usually the 4th) from 6:00 to 7:30 to discuss a theological topic or current event of interest at various pubs in Fort Collins. Look for more details each month in our e-news and on our website.

August 24th and September 17th are the next two meeting times, details are included in this edition of the signal and on the website.

## WELCOMING ALL THROUGH LEARNING

### NEW IN THE LIBRARY

#### ***The Air We Breathe: A Novel***

By Christa Parrish

Reviewed for *Booklist* by Carolyn Richard

After losing everything, teenager Molly Fisk has chosen never to leave the museum she lives in with her mom, the only place she feels safe. Years of blaming herself and fearing for her and her mother's safety have left Molly anxious, fearful, and unable to embrace life. Claire Rodriguez, despite her best efforts, has a difficult time moving past the tragedy that changed the landscape of her life. When she meets a young girl, however, she is compelled to reach out, a gesture that begins her healing process. Years later, Claire has lost touch with the girl, and Molly is beginning to feel restless within her small world. Parrish (*Watch over Me*, 2009) blends Molly's and Claire's stories to create a fast-moving, suspenseful, enrapturing novel about what it means to lose everything and how crucial it is to let others in and learn to depend on God. Fans of Christian fiction with kick and psychological depth will be engaged and touched by Parrish's exciting third novel.

#### ***The Sandman: The Story of Sanderson Mansnoozie***

by William Joyce

Reviewed for *Booklist* by Karen Cruze

Preschool-Gr. 2

Joyce's work has always had an oddball charm, even in its most commercial Rolie Polie Olie moments. Both his texts and illustrations are whimsical, with allusions to classic late-nineteenth and early-twentieth-century children's lit paired with swirly nouveau and stylized deco forms. This second in the Guardians of Childhood series opens with the hero of *The Man in the Moon* (2011) looking for a helper in his endeavor to keep children safe at night. Enter Sandy, aka the Sandman, aka Sanderson Mansnoozie. This rotund ball of baby fat pilots a star until it falls prey to Pitch, King of Nightmares, whose minions Sandy later vanquishes. While the story doesn't quite have the coherent sweetness of *Dinosaur Bob and His Adventures with the Family Lazardo* (1995) or *The Leaf Men and the Brave Good Bugs* (1996), it makes a pleasant nighttime read, and the illustrations of tattooed mermaids, heroic constellations, and the golden Sandy himself are worth poring over time and again. Grown-ups and children alike will savor this book's rich, old-fashioned charms.

*The second picture book in Academy Award winner William Joyce's The Guardians of Childhood series tells how the Sandman dreamed up his sweet-dreams legacy.*

#### **Labor Day**

September 7th, 2015

**Regular Worship Hours resume after Labor Day on September 13th:**

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8:30 & 11:00am

## WELCOMING ALL THROUGH SERVING-OOW

### HOW DOES OSLC DEAL WITH POVERTY?

During the month of May OSLC members gave:

- \$511. To Blanket – Church World Service
- \$300. To Cambodia Victims
- \$755. to the Nepal Earthquake victims
- \$500. For World Hunger

These donations go to either ELCA Disaster Fund, Lutheran World Relief, Church World Service. These organizations not only deal with an immediate disaster but also with longer term efforts to lift these people out of poverty and often in collaboration with other major non-profit agencies.

Thank goodness we have these agencies, and gracious donors like the people of OSLC to help these very needy people in a time of need. THANK YOU!!

### SHARE THOSE SCHOOL CLOTHES, PLEASE!

**Did you know?** In Larimer County, over 60% of the homeless population is comprised of families with children.

When you clean out your kids' closets, please consider the needy children who would love to receive your items. Outside Our Walls is sponsoring a back-to-school clothing drive in August to benefit Homeless Gear's children's distribution on Sep-

tember 19. New or gently used items, size 5 and up, will be super-appreciated.

Especially needed:

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

Look for our bins in the fellowship hall in August. Thanks for whatever you can bring! For more info see

<http://homelessgear.org/children-in-need/>.

### “WARM” WINTER CLOTHES COLLECTION FOR PINE RIDGE

During September OOW is collecting **warm** winter clothes for Native Americans of all ages on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. These clothes are desperately needed by people living in a very cold climate in one of the poorest counties in the U.S.

**The following new or gently used items in sizes toddler through adult are urgently needed (clothes for elementary school students are especially needed):**

- Good warm, gently used winter coats (no thin coats or jackets)
- Warm hats, gloves, mittens (no thin gloves, mittens or hats)
- Warm socks - especially for grade school aged children
- Snow pants – for children and youth
- Warm sleeping Bags
- Warm snow boots - adult and child sizes

Please put your donations in a PINE RIDGE tote in fellowship hall.

**PLEASE DO NOT DONATE ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE LIST. The volunteers at CSU who take them to Pine Ridge cannot store or transport other items.**

Contact Carol or John Bisbee for more information.



## WELCOMING ALL THROUGH SERVING

### 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LOAD A TRUCK WEEKEND, AUGUST 15 AND 16

**"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 **1500** pounds and **\$1500!**

Hunger in Larimer County often goes unnoticed. We live in a great community, so it's easy to overlook hunger when it doesn't touch you or someone you love. That's because hunger hides behind closed doors. It lives in the home of single mother who skips dinner to make sure her children have enough to eat. It lives in the apartment of the grandfather who has to choose between a meal and taking his medicine. It lives in the bedroom of a young child who has to make it all night without food until the next school day when she knows she will be fed.

- **14%** Larimer County residents live at or below the Federal Poverty guideline.

- **30.8%** The poverty rate of single mothers with kids.

**33%** School-aged children in Larimer County receive free or reduced meals.

**Listed below is a summary of the 2014 impact from contributions to the Food Bank:**

- **8.9** Million pounds of food was distributed to Larimer County residents in need.

- **29,034** Individuals served through the FBLC Food Share direct service pantry locations in Fort Collins and Loveland.

- **77,361** Kids Cafe meals provided to low-income children in Larimer County.

- **23,282** Backpacks filled with

nutritious food and distributed to local students needing assistance over the weekend and school breaks.

- **102,518** Healthy snacks supplied to 70+ schools through our Kids Link snack program

**84** Non-profit partner agencies source food from us saving these organizations **\$2.2 million** in food expenses to utilize instead for program missions.

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



### THANK YOU LETTERS

#### **Lincoln Middle School Utah Trip:**

Thank you for your enormous generosity for the Lincoln Middle School Utah Trip this past May.

Over \$1600.00 was donated and the students were amazed that people that didn't even know them would donate money so the students could go on this trip.

#### **Excerpt From a Thank You Letter from the Salvation Army:**

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$250 which we received on June 22, 2015. We are pleased that you have provided us with the means to serve so many people.....

Per your request, your gift has been designated to support Family Service Program.....Your dona-

tion was more than a gift of money—you also gave the most important thing of all for the human spirit—a gift of hope.....Lt. Colonel Charles H. Smith, Divisional Commander

## WELCOMING ALL THROUGH SERVING-FFH

### OSLC FAITH FAMILY HOSPITALITY NEWS

Happy summer all. This write up may seem somewhat serious but it is not meant to be. My hope is that we as a caring church community try to embrace and in a way own what the homeless families are going through. Hopefully this information will help us to be empathetic and more understanding of the families in our care.

#### **What is Family Homelessness in America?**

Current 2015 information from the American Institutes for Research for the National Center on Family Homelessness defines family homelessness in the United States and I quote from the article:

"Every year, hundreds of thousands of American families become homeless, including more than 1.6 million children. This represents 1 in every 30 children in the U.S. These families are hidden from our view. They move frequently, and many are doubled-up in overcrowded apartments with relatives or friends. Others sleep in cars and campgrounds or send their children to stay with relatives to avoid shelter life. Once in shelter, despite the efforts of dedicated staff, life can be noisy, chaotic, and lack privacy. Homelessness increases the likelihood that families will separate or dissolve.

Family homelessness is caused by the combined effects of lack of affordable housing, unemployment, limited access to resources and supports, health

and mental health challenges, the challenges of raising children as a single parent, and experiences of violence. As the gap between housing costs and income continues to widen, more and more families are at risk of homelessness. Even a seemingly minor event can trigger a catastrophic outcome and catapult a family onto the streets.

Families experiencing homelessness are under considerable stress. Homelessness is a devastating experience that significantly impacts the health and well-being of adults and children. Often, members of homeless families have experienced trauma. These experiences affect how children and adults think, feel, behave, relate, and cope."

#### **What does Family Homelessness look like in Northern Colorado?**

The defining factors for homeless families in our neighborhood look much the same as the national picture. Families are the fastest growing homeless group in our county. Over 1,200 children in our local schools are homeless. Fifty per cent of adults staying in shelters are working but unable to afford the daily costs of supporting themselves or a family. Ninety-two per cent of homeless women, many with children, are domestic violence survivors.

The Homeless 2020 Project in Fort Collins did a survey of the homeless population earlier this year. **"On a single night in January 2015, community volunteers conducted a Point-in-Time**

**Count, which surveyed everyone who was staying in shelters or staying in unsheltered areas (e.g., cars, outside, or in structures unfit for human habitation). A total of 301 individuals were counted on that night."**

#### **Over 20% of those individuals counted were under the age of 18**

**32 homeless veterans were surveyed, an increase from the previous two years**

**68 individuals qualified as chronically homeless, meaning they had been homeless for a year or more or had four or more cycles of homelessness in the past three years**

#### **What can be done to help prevent Family and Child Homelessness in our community? |**

Information obtained from the website: National Center on Family Homelessness, 2015, "America's Youngest Outcasts."

1. Safe, affordable housing.
2. Comprehensive needs assessments of all family members.
3. Family-oriented services that incorporate trauma-informed care.
4. Identification, prevention, and treatment of major depression in family members.
5. Parenting supports/education (especially single parents).
6. Education and employment

opportunities for parents.

7. Further research to identify evidence-based programs and services for children

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*Faith Family, continued from page 10*

### **What does OSLC Faith Family Hospitality provide to homeless families and children?**

Faith-based providers of homeless services provide individuals and families **with the basic, initial stepping stones**

**toward independence. Faith Family Hospitality is one of a small group of services helping care for homeless families in transition in Fort Collins. FFH provides welcoming support, empathy, shelter and food. Support needed to get to the next step. Sue Peterson, the FFH social worker, assesses each family member that comes into the program. While in the program, families are provided with resources for health care, child**

**care, transportation and employment.**

OSLC FFH will be hosting families at the church from August 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. We are happy to see an active early sign up of volunteers who have previously signed up and also some new faces. OSLC is doing an awesome and rewarding service in our community.

Blessings,

*Rosie Goetz,*

Co-coordinator for OSLC FFH

## **FROM LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES**

**Are You Worried About Your Aging Parents Living Alone?** Lutheran Family Services can help! The Older Adult & Caregiver Services program's care managers are experts in the field of aging. They will assess your situation, determine your needs, identify resources and work with your family to develop a short and long-term plan. Call today to find out more : **970.232.1180**

Sarah Heber  
Community Relations/Special Events Coordinator  
Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains  
**(970) 460-6234** phone  
[sarah.heber@lfsrm.org](mailto:sarah.heber@lfsrm.org)

## **INTERN PASTOR DIANA**



**Aubrey Marie Hennen**  
baptized June 28, 2015

**Intern Pastor Diana Linden-Johnson**

## YOUTH & FAMILY

### FUN FOR ALL GENERATIONS-RALLY DAY

Our fall theme is—Compass! **“Which Way: Renewing your Sense of Direction”** and we ask the question, are you satisfied with what you are doing in your relationships with God and others? As a congregation we have sought to create a wide road while remaining centered on Christ, but how do we know if we are going in the right direction. Sometimes we need to spend a little time simply stopping to assess where we are. A compass helps ensure a person maintain their point of direction. Have you

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#### Rally Day Fun

Food  
Bounce House  
Dunk Tank  
Snow Cone Machine  
Water balloon games  
Art Projects  
Ga-Ga Ball  
Face Painting

### MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ACTIVITIES

#### First Friday Fun Nights for K-5<sup>th</sup> Graders



All events are held at Spirit of Joy Church - 4501 South Lemay (Corner of Harmony and Lemay). Any adult, middle & high school person, who would like to volunteer with an event, please contact [amber@sojoyfc.org](mailto:amber@sojoyfc.org). Let me know if you have a free Friday to help out!

Friday August 7<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30 PM Water Games (Outside).

Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30 PM Air Tag.

## STEWARDSHIP-FROM THE ENDOWMENT COMM.

### CONNECT TO THE OSLC LEGACY—INCLUDE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Our Lord has encouraged us to use the gifts we have received to serve one another, as good stewards of God's grace.

One way each of us can "Connect to the OSLC Legacy" is by making a gift to our congregation's Endowment Fund. This fund is now in its fifteenth year and is used to provide ongoing assistance to promote and support Christian Faith such as programs of outreach, college and seminary scholarships, improving the quality of OSLC educational offerings, youth initiatives and contributing

to other local, national and worldwide missions.

As of February 27<sup>th</sup> the two Endowment funds totaled \$84,315. These funds can be increased not only with cash but also with gifts of stock or even property. We also suggest including a gift in your will. We'd appreciate your letting us know that you have done so. Although we would like to know, you do not have to inform us as to the amount.

A brochure titled "Connect to the Legacy" was sent to you at the end of March, which will answer many of your questions. Additional cop-

ies are on the table in the narthex.

For more information, you can contact: Pastor Michael, Pastor Leta or Endowment Fund committee members:

- Myles Crane
- Victoria Eisele
- Cal Selig
- Tom Sullwold
- Dennis Templar

We can also put you in touch with professionals that can discuss the tax advantages of an Endowment Fund gift.

The Endowment Fund Committee thanks you for your consideration.

### GENERAL BUDGET UPDATE

#### General Fund Budget Update

	2015					
	May		June		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>Total Giving</b>	\$63,258	\$56,379	\$30,067	\$56,379	\$275,714	\$338,276
<b>Less Expenses</b>	\$60,816	\$56,379	\$47,638	\$56,379	\$313,725	\$338,276
<b>Cash Surplus (Deficit)</b>	\$2,442		-\$17,571		-\$38,011	

Total giving for the month of May was excellent. June giving, however, was down by a large margin. While this is not unusual during the summer months, year to date, total giving is significantly down when compared to this point last year.



## SMALL GROUPS

### WELCOME MINISTRY NEWS

We hope everyone is having a great summer and enjoying the benches at both entrances to the church. You also might notice soon we will have some brochures in the pews for prospective new members. If you see someone new please introduce yourself and give them a copy or bring them over to the welcome table.

We have also developed an informational brochure for guest which explains a lot of what our church has to offer them such as worship opportunities, Sunday school, children, youth, and family education, faith groups at OSLC and many other opportunities for them to serve.

The Worship Ministry group will be hosting another new member series which is open to any person interested in joining our church or an existing member is also welcome to attend to learn more about the Lutheran church.

Also planned is another **Coffee and Connect** class in between services in early September. All are welcome to join in for some fellowship and sharing of information about the church and any questions people might have about OSLC.

*Thank you for  
helping to make  
OSLC a welcoming  
church home!*

### Welcome Series

**Sunday, September 27th**  
11AM-Lutheran Identity

**Wednesday September 30th**  
6:30PM-Church Identity

**Sunday, October 4th**  
11AM-Spiritual Identity

**Wednesday, October 7th**  
6:30PM-Individual Identity

### **Brunch for New Member Class**

Sunday, October 11th, 11am **or**  
Wednesday, October 14th, 6:30PM

**\*\*** We thought it may work well to do this on a Wednesday so that more people can meet them and so that it does not conflict with Sunday morning events, if the committee is willing to try something different...?

**Sunday October 18th-**  
Receive new members.

### OSLC SMALL GROUPS

**BIBLE STUDY SERIES-** Tuesdays, 7PM-8:30PM or Thursdays, 9:30-11:00AM will resume in the fall.

**LEAH CIRCLE**— Leah Circle will meet on August 27 and September 24 at 6:45 p.m. at the home of Barb Slattenow.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP** Please watch for more information about meeting times.



### **THEOLOGY PUB: BEER. GOD.**

**CONVERSATION.** *Theology Pub is an opportunity for people to be honest and open about topics of faith, ask any questions, and at the end of the night, know that it's perfectly fine if we disagree with one another.*

The groups meets every fourth Thursday, 6-7:30 p.m. August 27<sup>th</sup> we will meet at the 1933 Brewery, 4015 Mason, Suite C; September 17<sup>th</sup> we will meet at The Laboratory, 1801 S. College (corner of Stuart & College)



## MISCELLANEOUS

### PASTOR FRED CASTOR



Pastor Fred Castor's 60th Anniversary of  
Ordination Celebration, June 7, 2015

### Chancel Choir Annual Burger Bash

Jim and Barb Slattenow  
Sunday, August 16 - 4 p.m.  
Bring a dish to share if you wish  
RSVP:  
Barb - 223-0441/[970-422-0455](tel:970-422-0455)/  
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### CONGRATULATIONS JACK & MARGARET!



Jack and Margaret Means will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year! We invite all who would like to extend congratulations and well wishes for reaching this milestone in their life to join us in celebrating Jack and Margaret on Saturday, August 22 in the Reception Hall from 2:00 – 4:30. Cake and punch will be served. No gifts please.



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