



REFORMATION WEEKEND, OCTOBER 24 & 25

GUEST SPEAKER, LYLE GRINER

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.



“I want every congregation’s youth ministry to be known for producing faith leaders. PML educates the heart with caring, welcoming and affirming skills turning those wonderfully quirky, sometimes overly silly, rambunctious kids into amazing student leaders.”

On October 24 and 25th in worship and for the adult education hour, Lyle Griner from Peer Ministry will be here to preach and teach us about youth leadership and adult connecting with the next generation. He will be also leading a training for youth and adults in peer ministry- a youth leadership and ministry training that will enhance our youth

ministry as well as bring a needed element of youth leadership and peer to peer ministry and relationships. Youth and adults will be invited in to this training, if you would like more information contact Minister of Faith Formation for FoCoLu Kevin Dragseth (kevin@focolu.org) Lyle is one that we have looked to for many years for guidance, resources,

and education. We are excited to have him here as a part of our partnership not only with FoCoLu but also with Our Savior's in Greeley. Together, we will learn from Lyle and move in a great direction in youth ministry! You can find more out about Lyle and Peer Ministry at www.peerministry.org

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LETTERS FROM THE PASTORS



Renewal

Our fall theme of “Which Way- Renewing your Sense of Direction” often times feels easier

said than done. There are so many factors that makes a renewal of our inner spirit feel difficult. After all we all want a clear sense of direction, but it can be very hard to give up old paths, old tendencies, and old demands on your time. Praise the Lord it is not finally in your hands alone. God promises to be with you even when your path is muddled, or even wrong.

This is the gift of Grace that you have received through Jesus Christ.

But Grace is not meant to be a hindrance to aligning our spirit with God’s Spirit. Grace does not mean that we are without need of care or action. No, indeed Grace is given by God that you may be more active in the

world for Christ’s sake. And by our aligning our Spirit with God’s Spirit we can not only experience renewal, but can discover how our gifts can be a gift to others. We can discover how our “self” is rewarded, by letting God into our navigating process.

Pastor Fred Castor reminds us that one of the most important things we can do to get in touch with the Spirit is to stop. Stop the screen time. Stop the constant texting. Stop the worrying, and simply be.

No, you can’t do this with all your time. But perhaps today you could start with a mini-Sabbath; A moment each day given to God. We as Pastors know that this isn’t easy, but the reward for 10 minutes of stopping and being over time far surpasses what you put in.

Consider opening up your bible reading and reading a few verses daily (the weekly inserts in our bulletins give you some perfect choices to focus on) Read for 5 minutes and then stop and listen.

No. It isn’t always easy, but God’s love and mercy is a gift that we can crowd out of our life, because instead of stopping we fill our world up with more and more, and this promise that demands nothing of you (and gives everything) gets taken for granted.

Yes. God’s promise of unconditional love is with you today.

How are you using that gift to bless the world? We hope that you will stop for a moment and ponder that question.

Peace In Christ,
Pastor Leta and Pastor Michael

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THANK YOU FROM DIANA

Dear Our Saviour’s,

It’s a little over a month since my last Sunday as your intern. Both my family and I continue to look back on our time of serving and learning in your midst with a great deal of warmth and gratitude. Thank you, especially, for the outpouring of love and support that we received on our last Sunday - for the lovely reception, beautiful stole, and many

gifts and cards we received, including wine for Michael and prayer pillows, OSLC paintings, bubbles, sidewalk chalk and baptismal remembrance devices (i.e. water toys) for Ellie and Aiden. You are a wonderful community! We miss you and continue, as always, to hold you in our thoughts and prayers.

Grace and Peace,
Diana

p.s. I also want to let you know that I was approved for ordination on August 20th by the Rocky Mountain Synod and am now waiting to hear what synod I’ll be assigned to at the beginning of October. Once I’m assigned to a synod, synod staff can start putting my name into congregations for potential calls.

ADULT EDUCATION



Gifts of Imperfection--September 20-October 18, 2015 Sundays at 9:45-10:45 in room 12E: 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 Brené 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 (For your own copy of the book they are \$15 or you can download as an e-book)

September 20:

Scripture Story: John 5:1-14

Guidepost #1 "Cultivating Authenticity: Letting Go of what People think"

Guidepost #2 "Cultivating Self Compassion: Letting go of Perfection"

September 27:

Scripture Story: Matthew 15:21-28

Guidepost #3: "Cultivating a Resilient Spirit: Letting go of Numbing and Powerlessness"

Guidepost #4: "Cultivating Gratitude and Joy: Letting go of scarcity and fear of the dark"

October 4:

Scripture Stories: Luke 18:18-30 and John 12:1-3

Guidepost #5: "Cultivating Intuition and Trusting Faith: Letting go of the need for certainty"

Guidepost #6: "Cultivating Creativity: Letting go of Comparison"

October 11:

Scripture Stories: Genesis 1&2 and Matthew 6:25-34

Guidepost #7: "Cultivating Play & Rest: Letting go of Exhaustion as a Status Symbol & Productivity as Self Worth"

Guidepost #8: "Cultivating Calm and Still: Letting Go of Anxiety as a Lifestyle"

October 18:

Scripture Stories: Luke 10:25-37 and John 2:1-12

Guidepost #9: "Cultivating Meaningful Work: Letting Go of Self-Doubt and "supposed to"

Guidepost #10: "Cultivating Laughter, Song and Dance: Letting Go of Being Cool and Always in Control"

Gifts of Imperfection--Digging Deeper Small Group Part 1: There is a full online course offered by Brené Brown that includes going deeper into the topic, creative journaling, and insight from the author personally. Part 1 includes Guideposts 1-5 and will meet the following Wednesday evenings. If you would like to host a small group at another time please contact Pastor Leta.

Small Group Meetings: 7pm -**Wednesdays:** September 16, 30; October 14, 28; November 4, 18

9:45am-**Sundays:** September 27, October 11, November 1, November 15, November 29

SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

THE CHURCH-A SPIRITUAL OASIS

The Church as we have known and experienced it has provided us with spiritual sustenance that has satisfied a definite hunger and thirst and made a significant difference in our lives.

Unfortunately, the Church in general is currently struggling in today's world to continue making that significant difference it once succeeded in doing. It no longer occupies the major spot in the lives of a growing number of people.

The reasons for this dramatic change are numerous, familiar and far too valid to be dismissed. Because of the dramatic change in people's lives as well as their perception of the Church, it needs to take a serious look at itself and identify the underlying causes of this obvious shift.

We live in a different world today that is more characterized by rapid change than maintaining stability. Survival in today's world requires learning to live on the fly, a totally different lifestyle from past generations when stability was so highly valued.

The critical questions that exists for the Church in this new landscape are: *What is its legitimate place in today's world? What is its unique role?* The question is not: *What should we be doing to keep the Church alive?* Rather, the question is: *What should the Church be doing to fulfill its true calling?* When these questions are adequately answered and act-

ed upon, other things will sequentially fall into place.

A place to begin is to determine what the Church is called to do that cannot or would not be done by some other agency or institution. God clearly had a specific purpose in calling the Church into being when the Holy Spirit gave birth to it on that bombastic Day of Pentecost. If the Church is indeed God's chosen instrument it behooves us to discern its current mission.

Given that it was the gift of the Holy Spirit, it must have something to do with our *relationship with God*. That is, it must have a spiritual purpose that is unique - something no other organization, structure or entity has. It must possess a gift not awarded to anyone else. That it does! It has *spiritual sustenance*.

The Church was created to be a *spiritual oasis* for all of us as we pass through life. The Church may do many worthwhile things, perform many loving and benevolent acts, but it is still not the Church God intends it to be unless it is striving to be a *spiritual oasis* where we gather around the Holy One and slake our spiritual thirst.

The Church was created to be a *community of spiritual discernment*. All other functions and activities in which it rightfully engages should flow from that basic orientation and be closely

monitored for their faithfulness to that fundamental charge.

Responsible Church life centers around sacred worship, the very first item mentioned in our congregational mission statement. Worship is to be central in congregational life. Therefore, every effort should be made to craft worship that enhances and deepens our relationship with the Holy One. Music, liturgy, preaching, the Sacrament should all be designed and carried out in such a way that God is glorified and our spiritual needs are met. Our deportment when we assemble to worship should be in keeping with our awareness of the gravity of the occasion. *We are in the presence of Almighty God*. Any factor that detracts from this sacred time has no place in worship and should find a spot elsewhere in the life of the community.

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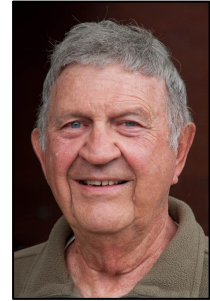
The Church, continued

Worship is all about being with God whose very presence in Word and Sacrament nourishes our relationship with the Holy One, strengthens our faith to love and care for our neighbor, and slakes our spiritual thirst, which returns again and again. That is the nature

of thirst. It recurs, requiring our ongoing attention.

We need the Church and we need the Church to be an ever flowing *spiritual oasis*, for us and for the world around us.

Pastor Fred Castor
Spiritual Guide
fredcasstor4@gmail.com



PSALMS BIBLE STUDY STARTS IN LATE OCTOBER

We will start a Bible Study Series on the Psalms on Wednesday Night at 6:45PM in room 11e. It will be repeated on Thursday, October 29th at 9:30AM, and continue for the next 6 weeks (except for the week of Thanksgiving). Please bring your bible and join us. All are welcome. The study will last about 1 hour.

WELCOMING ALL THROUGH WORSHIP

October 4, 2015

ELW 4
 Bells, Chancel & Youth Choirs

October 11, 2015

He Is Our Peace
 Celebration Band

October 18, 2015

With One Voice
 Windstrings

October 25, 2015

Reformation
 Lyle Griner, Executive Director of Peer Ministry
 Now the Feast with Brass
 Chancel & Youth Choirs, Brass

November 1, 2015

ELW 4
 Chancel & Youth Choirs, Bells

November 8, 2015

He Is Our Peace
 Celebration Band

November 15, 2015

Now the Feast
 Brass, Youth & Chancel Choirs

November 22, 2015

With One Voice
 Windstrings

November 24, 2015

Thanksgiving Worship
 Trinity Lutheran

November 29, 2015

Youth Choir & Brass

November 1st:
 All Saints' Day
 please submit names to
maryjane@our-saviours.org

Saturday Services:
 Holden-1st, 2nd, 4th Saturday
 Joyous Light- 3rd Saturday & October 31

WELCOMING ALL THROUGH SERVING

EUROPEAN REFUGEE CRISES

The CNN press is calling the European Refugee Crises the worst crises since WWII. The Pope is calling on all Catholic Churches to host refugee families.

Headlines in USA TODAY “Migrants Press On, Desperate for Haven”, “Jubilant as Germany Austria Open Borders,” “Gulf States Idle As Crises Writ Europe,” “Refugees Dream of a home on a Continent Striving to Cope.”

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Pray
- Donate – Make checks payable to OSLC – memo European Refugee Crises
- Donations will be sent to Lutheran World Relief
- Write to your congressman and senators to support this humanitarian effort.

PINE RIDGE CLOTHING COLLECTION

YOU STILL HAVE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30TH TO DONATE WARM CLOTHING!

The committee will be collecting the following for Pine Ridge Reservation:

- Warm winter coats, hats, gloves, mittens, and socks
- Snow pants for children and youth
- Warm sleeping bags
- Warm snow boots – adult or child sizes

You can place donated items in the appropriate bin in the Fellowship Hall.

FOOD DRIVE

During November we will be collecting nonperishables for the Food Bank. You can also make a check to out to OSLC and put Food Drive in the memo line.

NAVIGATING SENIOR SERVICES AND HOUSING

**October 24th
9:30AM-11:30AM (formal
presentation begins at 10)**

Want to know the lay of the land, and have an idea of the possibili-

ties that are available to you and your family as you consider health care options when independent living is getting difficult? Several local senior service providers are coming together to offer this pro-

gram to help you explore and navigate the many options and directions you can take. Become more informed, so that you can make the best decisions for your family when you need it most.

YOUR GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE- FILL UP YOUR PIGGY BANK!

Through the ELCA-Good Gifts you can sponsor families in developing countries with animals that will support a family. Did you know that for \$30 you can provide a piglet. A Piglet can

give birth to 16 more pigs. They also help fertilize the fields and provide food to eat. Please take one of our piggy banks, and fill it with your spare change. We will collect those banks on November

22nd in worship. Let's see how many pigs we can send to our ELCA partners. For more information on good gifts go to ELCA.org/goodgifts.

ONE VILLAGE ONE FAMILY SEEKING MORE “VILLAGE” MEMBERS

When we consider the plight of the homeless families among us, we sometimes feel that there is nothing we, as individuals, can do. But with One Village One Family we can make a difference. As David Rout, Executive Director of Homeless Gear, pointed out in a forum on September 13, there are not enough villages for the number of families who need them. Can Our Saviour's form one or two villages this fall and winter?

This program was launched among churches in Denver in 2006. When Homeless Gear began spearheading the effort in Ft. Collins in 2014, it was opened to include groups other than churches. Statewide OVOF has helped 1,000+ families secure stable housing, with 87% still housed after the first year.

How does the program work? OVOF recruits and trains groups of 4-6 compassionate people who support one family as they work to find affordable housing and get their lives back on track. The typical village/family relationship lasts 6-7 months, with village members attending a training session, holding an organizational meeting, and then providing ongoing, structured mentoring--meeting monthly with the family to discuss such topics as budgeting, nutrition, and literacy. The village members raise funds to help with a security deposit and first month's rent (\$1500). They also choose a lead person who contacts the family weekly. Susan Crowe, a new HG staff member, spends half time supporting villages as they do their work.

How do families enter the program? They are pre-screened and

referred by eight partner groups, such as Neighbor to Neighbor and our own Faith Family Hospitality.

If God moves you to help the homeless in this way, please email **K e n J o h n a t ken@homelessgear.org** or call him at (970) 581-4921 to get the process started. If you would like to help--but not as part of a village --you can offer your prayers or financial support or just spread the word to your friends, co-workers, and neighbors.

This project is supported by OOW. If you have further questions, contact Madelyn Mihm (mbmihm@comcast.net) or Carol Bisbee (cjtraveler@msn.com).

THANK YOU LETTERS

Church World Service:

“Your generous donation of \$511.00 to the Church World Service Blankets+ program tells people in crisis, ‘You’re not alone. Someone Cares.’ On behalf of all the people who feel more hopeful and less alone because of your generosity, we thank you.”

Rev. John L. McCullough, President and CEO, Church World Service

ELCA World Hunger

“Thank you for your recent gift of \$610.00 to ELCA World Hunger. Your faithful support makes a difference for families and communities in need in hundreds of places around the world—including our own communities. As the ELCA, we do more together than any one of us could ever do alone. Thank you for your support.”

Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

Poudre School District

“On behalf of Poudre School District, I wish to thank you for your generous donation of time and supplies for the Supply Our Students 2015 fall drive. Through your generosity and in collaboration with other program partners, **over 7,500 children** in the district received needed school supplies and information about community support resources.”

Beth Higgins, Partnership & Foundation Coordinator, Poudre School District

OUTSIDE OUR WALLS: Thank you to OSLC for the generous support of Putnam 5th graders for Eco Week. We were able to support a total of 21 students with your generous contributions totaling \$2100.00. Deb Gillan, the resource coordinator at Putnam, was overwhelmed and grateful for this wonderful support.

FROM KEVIN DRAGSETH, FOCOLU

FOCOLU MINISTRIES FOR THIS YEAR

The Ministries of FoCoLu

The ministries of FoCoLu are all done in partnership with the three partnering congregations. There are still ministries that happen in each of the individual congregations since we believe in the community that exists on both the local level and the broader level.

Confirmation University:

Confirmation through FoCoLu is a University Model ministry for all ages, and is mostly comprised of/for youth who are currently in the 6-8th grades. Students and their families are to complete elective courses, activities, and other requirements in their own time and at their own pace. There is no set time-line and no set schedule, as our participants manage that on their own. The transition from confirmation to adult voting member of a congregation happens following a Dinner of Honor and a church service that includes an Affirmation of Baptism.

Peer Ministry:

STUDENTS equipped with

- *SKILLS* for caring, welcoming and affirming
- *LIVED* every day, everywhere and in every relationship
- *LOVING* because Christ first loved us

Peer ministry already happens, and we just build off existing foundations and provide training, and direction for youth and adults in how to lead within the ministries of FoCoLu.

Fellowship/Service Events:

Every month our youth join together to build community. This building happens with both each other and with the broader communi-

ty. Activities may include anything from a meal together to a game of capture the flag to serving a meal at the shelter.

Yearly gatherings/retreats/camps:

FoCoLu youth participate in yearly camp and retreat opportunities that provide an opportunity to expand our understanding of the Church and the community we are a part of. Here are a few of these that we take part in:

- Confirmation Intensive Camp at Sky Ranch
- Confirmation Camp at Rainbow Trail
- Confirmation Camp at Sky Ranch
- 6,7,8th Grade Confirmation Retreats
- Rocky Mountain Synod Sr. High Youth Gathering
- Rocky Mountain Synod Middle School Youth Gathering

Mission Trip Ministry:

JUNE 26-JULY 1ST 2016
CROW RESERVATION, MT
\$600 TOTAL

SERVING WITH YOUTHWORKS
ALL CURRENT 8-12TH GRADERS
WELCOME

WE HAVE RESERVED 25 SPACES
AND CAN RESERVE MORE IF
THEY ARE STILL AVAILA-
BLE. NOVEMBER 1ST REGIS-
TRATION DEADLINE!!!

Please check out the website for more information on how to get registered.

This is an opportunity for our youth to be the hands and feet (and ears and eyes) of Jesus through serving others, building relationships, gaining new understanding of multiculturalism and poverty, all while

growing in faith through small group devotion fellowship and worship. Mission trips provide our youth with powerful life shaping experiences, and strengthen our youths' relationship with Christ and the larger Church. Mission trips happen locally, internationally and everything in between over a three year period.

Equipping:

"God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called"

Ideally FoCoLu would spend the majority of it's staff time equipping the congregational members to fully implement the ministries. We work alongside all of our volunteers to ensure they are aware, comfortable and resourced to carry out the ministries they are involved with. We offer group style adult leader trainings as well as individual times of support to ensure that all of our leaders are comfortable and ready to be a part of our ministries.

Family and Youth Support:

Living a life of Faith involves support and guidance from trusted adults and mentors. If you find yourself in a place where you are questioning or seeking support in your life of Faith and need a trustworthy companion to guide you in your next steps, we can assist. We have trained peer ministers as well as caring adults and trained staff. We are honored to be a part of both the joys and sorrows of our families lives and want to be there with you during the journey.

4Key Sr. High Youth Group

FOCOLU Youth Group began on September 2nd at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The 4Keys for practicing, sharing, and passing on Faith are:

- Devotions
- Caring Conversations
- Rituals and Traditions
- Service

Each month we will have a rotation that focuses on each of the 4Keys. Exact rotation will be worked out in the first few months but the general idea is this:

Week 1 Wednesday night 7pm – Caring Conversation – Food, Fun, Fellowship

Week 2 – Sunday Night before – 6pm – Devotion/Worship @LCM and Serve a meal

Week 3 – Wednesday night – 7pm – Rituals and Traditions – LUTHER/LUTHERANISM 101

Week 4 – Wednesday night – 7pm – Service – FFH at our hosting Congregation

Week 5 – Wednesday night – 7pm – YOU(th) Choose

Sunday Mornings –

This year Sunday School will be held individually at each congregation. We feel that it is important to still have individual time with our congregational peers.

All of the congregations will use the same curriculum. We are using LIVE Curriculum this year, which is

an online based model that will be easy for our youth to follow and our adults to lead.

Please join us at your congregation at the following times.

Spirit of Joy – Sunday mornings starting September 13th @ 9am

Trinity – Sunday mornings starting August 30th for Rally Day and September 13th onward starting at 9 and concluding at 10:15

Our Saviour's – Sunday mornings starting August 30th for Rally Day and September 13th onward starting at 9:45 and concluding at 10:45

Activities at a Glance:

- October 23-24 – Peer Ministry Leadership Training
- October 25th – Reformation Sunday
- November 4th – 5:30 Mission Trip Meeting in SOJ Youth Room
- November 20-22 Rocky Mountain Synod SR. HIGH Gathering in Denver
- November 24th – Joint Thanksgiving Service with TLC, OSLC and SOJ at SOJ



2015 OSLC Confirmands

Row 1: Pastor Leta Behrens, Madison Knutson, Sophia Behrens, Katie Eiswerth, Olivia Tufte, Gillian Clouser, Pastor Michael Stadtmueller

Row 2: Kevin Dragseth, Torie Wolf, Nathan Holzworth, Tait Krogstad, Ridge Williams, Alexander Gregory, Benny Khouri

YOUTH & FAMILY

OUR NEW FOCOLU INTERN MINISTRY ASSISTANTS



Dean Klinkerman has joined the FOCOLU staff and will be based out of Spirit of Joy. Dean is a sophomore at CSU and is a native of Fowler, CO. Dean has spent many summers as both a camper and staff member of Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp and is a self professed music and sports junkie. Dean is excited

to be a part of this team and to meet all of you and we are as equally thankful to have him on our team. Welcome Dean!!!



Megan Sawyer has re-joined the FOCOLU staff and will be based out of Trinity. Megan brought a wonderful spirit and presence to our youth last year and we were delighted when she enthusiastically accepted the offer to join us again for another year. Megan is a recent (2014) graduate of Luther

College where she earned her degree in Art. Megan spent many summers as both a camper and staff member of Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp and is a gifted artist and painter. Megan is a native of Fort Collins, and a lifetime member of Our Saviour's so we value her knowledge of the "youth scene" in FOCOLU. Welcome back Megan!!!

FUN FOR ALL GENERATIONS-THE CROP HUNGER WALK(5K)

Sunday October 4th

is a fund raising event for Church World Service. It is a group of 34 Protestant and Orthodox denominations that band together to employ their resources more efficiently. Over 85% of the donations reach a CWS program/project.

The local money raised is split 25% to the Food Bank for Larimer County and 75% to world wide programs via CWS. See below for the two types of projects.

Hand Outs: --- CWS provides food and shelter in areas that

suffer from civil unrest, natural disasters and other emergency situations.

Hand ups:-----CWS sponsors projects that will alleviate hunger for the long term, such as crop seeds, irrigation equipment, water wells and projects, education (women especially), kits, and technologically appropriate equipment.

Since 1988 the Fort Collins CROP Hunger Walk has contributed over \$265,000 to CWS and over \$65,000 to the local Food Bank.

There is no cost to walk, however walkers are expected to generate

sponsors for their walk. This can be done on line at www.crophungerwalk.org/fortcollinsco

The 2015 walk is on Oct. 4 at 1 PM starting at the First Presbyterian Church.

Contact Bob Vangermeersch : 970-223-0493

bobvangermeersch@aol.com

also see: www.cwsglobal.org

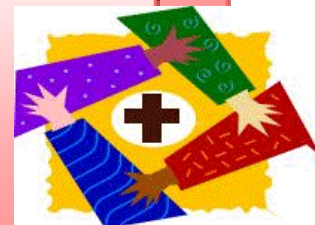
SUNDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

TOGETHER IN FAITH

October 25th—Pray and Play: Children 0-3 and their parents are invited to the nursery for a time of faith activities together. 10:00-10:25am

November 1, 8: Kindergarteners—Lord's Prayer (Colleen Waido) Worship
November 15

November 15: Pray and Play: Children ages 0-3 and their parents are invited to the nursery for a time of faith activities together. 10:00-10:25am



October

October 4th Jesus Blesses the Children and (Lectionary 27)
October 11th A Camel Through a Needle (Lectionary 28) [Mark 10:17](#)—31
October 18th James and John (Lectionary 29) [Mark 10:35](#)—45
October 25th All Together Sunday School—Service Project: Clean Up Day
Pray and Play: Parents & Children 0-3

November

November 1st The First commandment (Lectionary 31) [Mark 12:28](#)—34
Together in Faith Kindergartners
November 8th The Widow's Offering (Lectionary 32) [Mark 12:38](#)—44
Together in Faith Kindergartners
November 15th The Temple's Destruction (Lectionary 33) [Mark 13:1](#)—8
Pray and Play: Parents & children 0-3
November 22nd Advent Festival
November 29th All Together Sunday School Service Project: Cookies & Caroling

SMALL GROUPS

WELCOME MINISTRY NEWS

Fall is starting off with the welcoming of new members. The new member series began in September with a reception planned for October. Please introduce yourselves and help new members to feel connected to their new church home. You will be able to see their pictures in the Narthex soon. We hope you are enjoying participation in a small group this fall and if you would like information or resource ideas for continuing your groups or joining / starting

a group - stop by the Welcome Table. This is a great way to deepen friendships, grow in faith and serve the community.

If you are new to Our Saviour's and would like to ask questions or get more information, we will be offering Coffee and Connect between Sunday services. Watch the bulletin for dates and location.

The Welcome Team hopes you have a great fall and enjoy getting connected with the many fellow-

ship, learning and serving opportunities here at OSLC!

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

FALL NEWCOMER CLASSES

Sunday, September 27th

11 AM - Church Identity - led by Pastor Leta

Wednesday, September 30th

6:30 PM - Lutheran Identity - led by Pastor Michael

Sunday, October 4th

11 AM - Individual Identity - led by Welcome Ministry

Wednesday, October 7th

6:30 PM - Spiritual Identity - led by Fred Castor

Brunch for New Member Class

Sunday, October 11th, 11 am (or)

Wednesday, October 14th, 6:30 PM

Sunday October 18th

Receive new members.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dear Friends of OSLC,

We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude for the visits, beautiful cards, and prayers in Celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We are grateful and thankful for all of you at OSLC.

Jack and Margaret Means

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 5	The Aviator's Wife - Melanie Benjamin	
Nov 2	Go Set a Watchman -Harper Lee	

OSLC CRAFTING GROUP

“On the third Monday of each month the OSLC Crafting group meets for fellowship and to work on those fun projects that you never seem to get done around the everyday happenings of life. We have folks that

scrapbook, stamp, knit, grade papers, or just relax. Our first get together for the fall will be on September 21st from 6-10 p.m. in room 11E. Bring a snack, bring a friend and bring a project!

If you have questions call/email Stephanie Selig (csselig@comcast.net or 970-988-3808) or Kathy Schmidtke (kathy.schmidtke1976@gmail.com or 970-420-7195).”

OSLC CONNECTIONS

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 one Thursday per month, 6-7:30 p.m . The next meetings are October 22nd & November 19th at the Horse & Dragon, 124 Racquette Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80524

LEAH CIRCLE— Leah Circle will meet on October 22 & November 19th @ 6:45 p.m. at the home of Barb Slattenow.

OSLC CRAFTING GROUP-will meet on the third Monday of each. (See article above for more information)



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 August, the two Endowment funds totaled \$80,603. 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 you 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" which was sent to you last March, has answers to many common questions. Additional copies are on the table in the Narthex.

For more information you can contact: Pastor Michael or 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.

YOUR BIG CHANCE

Do you love numbers? Do dollar signs make you swoon? Do you enjoy the idea of working with a dynamic, fun loving and highly skilled team of people? Do you really want to help out your church community? If you answered "yes" to any of these ques-

tions, we have a volunteer job for you!

Our current OSLC treasurer, Cal Selig, is term limited and cannot serve again next year. That means that we need **you** to volunteer to be our next treasurer. You know you want to and the

earlier you just admit it and contact Cal, one of the Pastors or any church council member, the easier it will be to train you to step into the roll starting in January.

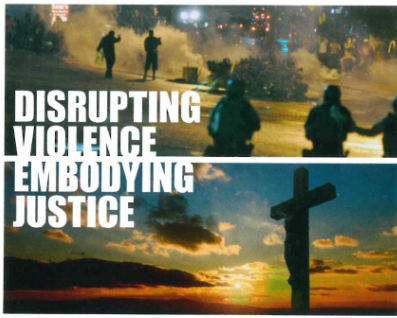
Act now before someone **else takes** it away from you!

General Fund Budget Update

	2015					
	July		August		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Total Giving	\$34,326	\$56,379	\$66,751	\$56,379	\$376,790	\$451,032
Less Expenses	\$48,843	\$56,379	\$57,137	\$56,379	\$419,703	\$451,032
Cash Surplus (Deficit)	-\$14,517		\$9,614		-\$42,913	

Total giving for the month of July was once again quite low compared to recent history. August giving, however, was significantly up. Year to date, total giving is significantly down when compared to this point last year. Spending is also down compared to last year which helps but not by as large of a margin as the contributions.

WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY




**DISRUPTING VIOLENCE
EMBODYING JUSTICE**

**A WOMANIST
CHALLENGE FOR A POST-
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Plymouth Congregational Church, UCC Visiting Scholar Series Presents

A weekend of lectures and conversation with
Dr. Andrea C. White
Associate Professor of Theology and Culture
at Union Theological Seminary, New York

October 16-18



Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ
916 W. Prospect Rd.
Fort Collins, CO 80526

Plymouth Congregations presents the 2015 Visiting Scholar, Dr. Andrea C. White, Associate Professor of Theology & Culture at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Dr. White will help us explore the theme: *“Disrupting Violence/Embodying Justice: A Womanist Challenge for a Post-Ferguson America”*

This two day workshop event presents new and useful perspectives on how the church can be energized to confront the daily struggles of those who are marginalized on the basis of race & gender.

You may register on-line at <http://andreawhite.eventbrite.com> Registration forms may also be obtained by calling Plymouth Congregational, 970-482-9212.

OSLC MEMORIAL GARDEN AND COLUMBARIUM

You are invited to walk through OSLC’s Memorial Garden and visit the Columbarium. This is a place of reverence, beauty, and serenity.

Each month the Columbarium Committee places flowers to honor and remember a loved one whose ashes are interred there.

In July, Karen Wulff placed flowers of red, white and blue, plus an American flag to honor Independence Day.

In August, Maxine Fechner was honored with arrangements of gladiolas, her favorite flower, in honor of her birthday.

In September, Ted Stuber was honored with daisys, his favorite flower, for his September birthday.

Lana Carlson will be honored in October in remembrance of her birthday.

Families of loved ones whose ashes are interred can request specific flowers in honor of a birthday or in memory of the date the ashes were interred. If preferred, the families can notify the committee that they would like to bring the flowers themselves and place them in the holders provided.

The Memorial Garden is not a place to mourn, but a place to remember, to honor, and to reflect on the wonderful moments we’ve shared with loved ones who are no longer with us. Come and sit on the benches in the Memorial Garden. Let the peace and quiet surround you, and feel the presence of God.

If you are interested in purchasing a “niche” in the Columbarium for yourself or a member of your family or if you are interested in knowing more about the “communal plot”, please contact one of the following members of the Columbarium Committee. They are: Elisa Sherman, Lois Lamb, Sara Halac, Colleen Hanson, Cheryl Fechner and Janice Stuber. You might also consider purchasing a “memory brick” to place on the path leading from the church to the Memorial Garden. The “brick” is engraved to memorialize a special event, such as a baptism, a wedding, a confirmation, a family’s church membership anniversary, etc.



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