



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.*

Worship Servant Ministry

Ever wonder how someone becomes a worship assistant, usher, greeter or coffee host? Anyone can do it! Last year we formed "guilds" or teams for each of these areas of service. If you are on a guild, it is hoped that you can commit to serving a certain number of times a year depending on the service. You may receive periodic emails regarding specific needs. Each weekend Our Saviour's seeks approximately 12 Worship Servants: 4 Greeters, 4 Ushers, 3 Worship Assistants, and 1 -2 Coffee Hosts. This doesn't include the musicians, Sunday School teachers, altar guild, acolytes, sound board controllers, and others. As you can see it takes many individuals to help make our weekend worship run smoothly. It is a special ministry. Every week volunteers or openings are listed in the bulletin. If you see an opening for the following week, it would be greatly appreciated if you would sign up to volunteer as early in the week as possible. One can volunteer by either using Sign-up Genius, using the paper signup on the Usher's table, or letting the office know.

<http://tinyurl.com/oslcworship> (Sign-up Genius)

If you have questions regarding the volunteer opportunities or to join a guild, please contact the following:

Lynn Lyell at: lynnelyell@yahoo.com or 407-1449 regarding Greeters and Ushers

Joyce Jobson at: jmjobs@hotmail.com or 490-1640 regarding Coffee Host

Pastor Leta at: pastorleta@gmail.com or 484-3133 regarding Worship Assistant



March 5th, 2014

Services at Noon & 7PM

Lenten Soup Supper at 5:15PM

(See Full Schedule on Page 8)

Lenten Midweek Services @ 7PM

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Greetings in Christ,

Right around August we will be welcoming in a pastoral intern Diana Linden. What does this mean for the church? Well, to start we are aiding a pastoral candidate in terms of a critical year of training in the church. It is first and foremost a gift to the entire church. There are many variables that make an internship hard to predict as far as its effect on the church. The key for us will be preparing ourselves as much as we can to make it a great experience for her, and for us. Our church has never had a pastoral intern before, so our own learning curve may be a bit high. We want to do everything we can to make it a success. At this time four members of the church have agreed to form an initial internship committee. They include Ruth Brown, Wes Petersen, Mary Miller, and Lois Sammer. They will be an ongoing support for Diana and a reminder to each of us that this is a supportive learning experience both for us and her.

We also want to equip you as best we can to fully understand what an internship is and how you can be supportive. In the coming months we will provide some opportunities for you to ask any questions you have about how you can be a part of this experience. In the meantime a frequently asked question sheet that has been out since early January remains in the narthex.

I look back fondly upon my internship year in Riverside, CA. I tried new things, took some risks, made a few mistakes. (ahem... just a few). I will always cherish that experience and the experiences I gained were invaluable. This past summer I had the privilege of visiting that congregation and was reminded by many of them that the value of the experience was mutual. I hope that Our Saviour's can have a similar experience. I look forward to sharing it with you.

Sincerely,

Pastor Michael

Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Church Wednesday Mornings

Our Men's Bible Study is switching to a breakfast served at church in room 11E. Beginning on Wednesday, March 12th thru April 9th we will be studying the book of Ephesians. Please read the first chapter of Ephesians for week one. We hope you can commit to the season of Lent and join us in attempting to dig into scripture with other men of the church. The Coffee will be "on" by 6:15AM with Breakfast and Bible Study beginning around 6:30. The study will start up at 6:45 and be done by 7:30. Suggested donation for the breakfast is \$10 per week.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Mindful Living for a Meaningful Life

Our western minds are set to search for understanding. The eastern mind is engaged in mystery and the mystical.

The western mind is productive, dedicated to improving living conditions through problem solving. The eastern mind is geared toward being aware and mindful of our inner most beings.

The western mind is oriented toward the material world. The eastern mind is committed to spiritual values.

We each have much to learn from the other. Such a move is underway. The eastern world is becoming increasingly materialistic. Think Dubai, Beijing and New Delhi.

While the western world continues its fascination with material things that promise to make life more convenient and pleasurable, our consciousness is nevertheless being raised about life's becoming more meaningful. Convenience and pleasure are no longer enough to satisfy our deeper human needs. Life must have some more profound meaning. It is not to be spent only on good times and success, but must have a more meaningful underlying purpose.

Whenever we install tile on the floor of our homes we install a special board underlay first to give it support and keep the tile and grout from cracking. If that underlay is not used the tile and grout will lose their integrity and crack.

While there are many pleasures in life to enjoy, our lives need the underlying spiritual support to give them integrity.

At whatever point in life that pivotal awareness begins to register in our consciousness we begin asking the ultimate question: What is life all about? It is then we begin to raise ourselves above the fray of daily living and find ourselves gifted with a much broader perspective of life, the world and the human race.

We begin to jettison some old attitudes that have kept our focus on ourselves and recognize that global interconnection that we have with everything and everyone in the world. We become disturbingly aware that we have been living in a box we have constructed around ourselves, and for the first time begin developing a world view that includes mystery and spiritual values.

We also become cognizant that God is not only concerned about us as individuals, but is also concerned about everyone and everything. We are invited to do the same.

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein."
Psalm 24:1

When we become mindful of that perspective our own lives become far more meaningful.



Pastor Fred Castor
Spiritual Guide

Welcoming all through worship...

Worship & Music Corner, March 2014

Worship in Lent

Lenten Memory Verse

Our memory verse for the season of Lent is: Psalm 119:105

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Sunday Worship in Lent

"Footsteps of Faith"

We will be focusing on the Lectionary Psalms and Gospel lessons during Sunday worship during the season of Lent. These closely tie in to our Mid-Week services – with an emphasis on journey and faith.

Sunday Worship Services

March 9 – The Temptation of Jesus (Matthew 4)

March 16 – Nicodemus (John 3 & Psalm 121)

March 23 – Samaritan Woman (John 4 & Psalm 95)

March 30 – Man born blind (John 9 & Psalm 23)

April 6 – The Raising of Lazarus (John 11 & Psalm 130)

Mid-week Lenten Services

"Walk the Walk – Shoes for Your Journey"

Each of us walks through life in many different types of shoes in many and various varieties of situations in our lives. Taking time to look at all those life situations, and how God is with us in our walks, will be our focus this year in our mid-week Lenten services and throughout our shared walk through Lent 2014.

We pray your Lenten journey will be a spiritual gift for you and for us collectively as we walk toward the cross of Christ and the promise of the Resurrection! Please make the choice to walk through Lent with your sisters and brothers and attend our special mid-week Lenten worship offerings this season!

This year's mid-week worship services will be offered at 7:00 PM every Wednesday in Lent beginning on March 5 with Ash Wednesday services and continuing every Wednesday up to our wonderful worship experiences in Holy Week and the joy of the Easter celebration.

Each week we will strap on a different pair of shoes and share where it is that God is with us as we wear these various shoes in our life journey.

Invitation to Lent

March 5, Ash Wednesday – 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM **Imposition of Ashes at each service

Mid-Week Lenten Services

March 12 – Slippers.....God's invitation to rest and Sabbath

March 19 – Cross Trainers.....Exercising our faith

March 26 – Hiking Boots.....Adventures of faith

April 2 – Work Boots.....The Wonders of Vocation

April 9 - Dress Shoes.....Giving your best to God

Worship Schedule – March

March 2: ELW 4 –
Chancel Choir & Bell Choir (8:30)
Jubilate Choir (11:00)

March 9: Now the Feast and Celebration
Youth Choirs (8:30)
Chancel Choir (11:00)

March 16: He is Our Peace & ELW 10
Celebration Band (8:30)
Consensus Brass (11:00)

March 23: With One Voice
Windstrings (8:30 & 11:00)

March 30: ELW 4
Special Music (8:30 & 11:00)

Wednesday Night Schedule in Lent

Our Wednesday night activity schedule will be amended during the season of Lent to make room for our Mid-Week Lenten Services (every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM). Please note the following change in activity times:

5:00 – 6:00 Bell Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary

6:00 – 6:45 Windstrings Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

6:00- 6:45 Alleluia & Jubilate Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

7:00 – 7:30 Mid Week Lenten Service

7:30 – 8:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Altar Flowers



March 9-April 20: Lent- No Flowers

Watch for Easter Lily order forms in March & April.

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.



Pray Without Ceasing

Dorothy Pederson (Matt's mother); **Johanna Carpine** (friend of Ann & Steve Story); all service men & women

God bless our praying.

Welcoming all through learning...

Adult Education on Culture Change Sundays 9:45-10:45AM

Author, historian and keen cultural observer Phyllis Tickle invites us to join her in examining the changing face of Christianity and culture. Phyllis surveys two thousand years of Western history, identifying the great upheavals that occur in Western Culture and Christianity every 500 years. The last was the Great Reformation of the 1500's; the next is happening now.

What are the implications of this "Great Emergence," both culturally and spiritually? What are the key questions and issues that need to be addressed? Where might we be headed next?

Phyllis Tickle is founding editor of the religion department of *Publishers Weekly* and is frequently quoted in some of today's most popular print and electronic media as well as on blogs and websites. She is an authority on religion in America and a much sought after lecturer and workshop leader. Tickle is the author of over two dozen books in religion and spirituality.

- March 2** Where Now is the Authority?
- March 9** The 20th Century and Emergence
- March 16** The End of Christendom
- March 23** Gifts from Other Times
- March 30** How Then Shall We Live?
- April 6** Hallmarks of Emergence



Our first week we worked on Nursery Rhymes. We found lots of words that rhymed helping us to learn all of our letter sounds. We made Hickory Dickory clocks and learned all about different types of clocks. We figured out we really can't bring our lambs to school unless they are of the stuffed variety. Acting out the Three Billy Goats and walking across our table is the best.. What great Preschool teachers we have.

Hearts and more hearts were every where this week. We love everything in the whole world according to a few Preschoolers (what a wonderful way to look at the world!). We made very cute picture frames for our parents for our Valentine gift to them. We even did some math projects by estimating how many candy hearts were in the jar, of course the best part was eating them afterwards.

The third week was Our Saviour's Lutheran Preschool Winter Olympics. I just know we have future Olympiads in our group. We did Bob sledding, Ice skating, Hockey, tumbling (not really winter but still tons of fun). I am sure the office was happy when the week was over since we utilized the Narthex for our activities. We awarded Gold Medals to everyone!

Our last week we learned about how people in our community help us. We learned about dentists and made a tooth fairy box, we learned about Bakers and made our own apron and baked some yummy food. We ended the week with a visit to the Police Station. Very interesting but a tad bit scary also.

Registration is in full swing. M-W-F am class has 10 spots left, M-W-F pm has 14 spots left, T/Th has 11 spots left. If you are interested in 2014-2015 school year please contact us at 484-7412 or talk to Bev or Nancy about registration.

SAVE THE DATE....

The Lenten Event will be held on Sunday, April 13th at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy craft projects and decorating Easter Eggs as we prepare for Holy Week. Contact Kristen Reese: reesemk2000@comcast.net or [970-282-0525](tel:970-282-0525) if you would like to help.

You Are Cordially Invited to ^{NOT} Attend



No party to dress for,
No particular date;
No fattening hors d'oeuvres,
No need to come late.

Don't rearrange your schedule,
Don't call a babysitter
A plan to stay at home one night
Would really be much better!

The OSLC Youth Present a

“No-Show” Ball

Your presence isn't necessary, but we would greatly appreciate your support.

Youth attending the Nicaragua Mission Trip this summer are selling “tickets” to a No-Show Ball. The suggested donation is \$20 which will go entirely to expenses incurred for the trip and you get to enjoy an evening to do whatever you want!

1. The HS Youth is now collecting gently used crayons and coloring books to take with them to Nicaragua. Please place your donations in the bin outside of the Sunday School office.

2. During the Lenten season, the HS Youth will be collecting gently used men's, women's and children's shoes to bring with them to Nicaragua. Please consider going through your closets and bringing them to OSLC!

Welcoming all through serving...

Outside Our Walls

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS BEGIN ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5

Each week a different group is asked to host, bring soup, bread and crackers, set up and clean up the supper (Host). In addition, members of the congregation are asked to bring soup, crackers and bread to supplement each supper, especially for the Ash Wednesday supper. **Each supper starts at 5:15 p.m. and ends at 6:30 p.m.** Lenten Services begin at **7:00 p.m.** Soup in crock pots may be brought during the day (ask office to help plug in) and prior to 5:45 p.m. **Please sign up at the table in Fellowship Hall beginning on Saturday, February 22.** We are expecting lots of people, and so we need your help.

Date:	Host- bring soup, bread and crackers and set up, attend the serving table and clean up the supper*:
Ash Wednesday, March 5	Outside Our Walls Committee
March 12	Choirs, Bells, and Bands
March 19	Council and Staff
March 26	Current New Members, New Members in the Past Two Years, and Welcome Committee
April 2	Confirmation Students, Parents and Mentors
April 9	High School Youth, Stephen Ministers, and Leah Circle

Soup Suppers



The recipients of the Soup Supper donations will be shared between The Food Bank of Larimer County and ELCA World Hunger.

*Set up begins at 4:00 p.m. to set up tables, chairs, and serving tables. Coffee and water are prepared and breads, crackers, spoons, napkins, soup dishes are prepared for serving table. Clean up consists of putting dishes in dishwasher, preparing soup pots to take home, cleaning counters, etc., and taking down tables and chairs.



Faith Family Hospitality coordinators from all 13 faith communities have shared common concerns. The primary disappointment reported from some volunteers was lack of response from the guests. Sometimes guests didn't arrive for a meal or were sick and unable to engage with volunteers.

Ben Story, our Americorp Volunteer, wisely advised that our FFH mission is one of “being present”. We don't count our success by the number of people served, but by our ability to be a safe and welcoming shelter in one of life's major storms, homelessness.

Our very existence as an organization demonstrates that we are a community that cares for families who experience homelessness. Whether or not a family accepts what we offer is of secondary importance. We are present. We don't have expectations. We care. And that means our guests have something they can rely upon.

Since our last host week, one of our guest families was unable to continue in the program. It was a devastating time for them. Every day they traveled by public bus to apply for help with little success. Every day at 6pm they needed to be at Catholic Charities for the lottery to find out if they had a place to sleep. They didn't know if they would have a place to put their children to bed until 6pm!

The FFH mission erases that worry for four families, but it's not about the numbers. It's about opening our doors, providing a hot meal, and offering a safe, warm room to those who need it. Thank you to everyone who believes in our mission. Each and every one of you make a significant difference for the men, women, and children in the FFH program.

If you have questions, please contact Lee at GLYahnke@Gmail.com or Jodi at JSLoecke@Comcast.net.

OOW SEEKS DONATIONS:

Winter is here, and **Homeless Gear** desperately needs the following adult items:

- Thermal underwear, tops and bottoms
- Hand and foot warmers
- Warm gloves/mittens
- Large backpacks on metal frames
- Regular –size backpacks

Questions? Contact Carol Bisbee at cjtraveler@msn.com or Madelyn Mihm at mbmihm@comcast.net

Worship, learning & serving in groups...

Welcome Committee

FAITH GROUPS - A small group is a great way to build friendships, grow in faith and support one another and the community. The Welcome Ministry would like to encourage members to consider developing a Faith Group with others at Our Saviour's. Visit the Welcome Table in the Narthex to find resources for developing and sustaining a meaningful group.

An interesting book to consider for group discussion:

Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen

Some thoughts from members of an ongoing Faith Group –

" I am so thankful for our faith group. Delving into the word of God through the books that we study is an adventure in spirituality that is even more meaningful because we are learning, praying, and sharing with friends that we have been blessed to get to know through our faith group."

"Developing stronger friendships and supporting one another has really enriched my life. I value the opportunity to grow in my faith and understanding with new friends. Sharing the hosting of our meetings in one another's homes makes this a fun and meaningful fellowship time."

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

KIM NICHOLS: Born and raised in WI, moved to AZ and lived there 27 years. Now attending college at Front Range and working at Poudre School District. Enjoy people, whitewater rafting, horses, fishing, hiking, camping, theatre and the arts.

JOHN & JACOB STROMBERGER: I live and work in Fort Collins and have been at CSU for 21 years. Jacob is in the 2nd Grade at Riffenburgh. I enjoy hiking, camping, fly fishing, and gardening.

TRACY FUNK: I live, wor, and play in Fort Collins. My husband, Shannon, and I just had a baby girl in December. Eva Grace is a true gift to our family. I'm a second grade teacher at Johnson Elementary. I love to read, shop, and spend time with my family.

WAYNE & SHARON MODDELMOG: Have been married 41 years and lived in Colorado almost all of our lives. Have a daughter, Tracy; a son, Corey who are both married. We have a granddaughter. Wayne works for Poudre School District and Rocky Mountain High School. Sharon will soon retire to be a full-time grandmother.

Are you a scrap booker, stamper, or otherwise "crafty"? The OSCL Scrapbook Circle hosts a monthly crop night, usually on a Friday night. Watch the bulletin announcement sheet for a specific date and location. If you would like to join the group, please contact Stephanie Selig at csselig@comcast.net or 204-1910 for more information and to be added to the email invitation list. Thanks much, Stephanie

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OSLC Book Club:

All are welcome at the OSLC Book Club. Read some new books, make connections with interesting people, and enjoy lively discussions.

There are copies of the book for March in the church library. Feel free to borrow a copy - just write your name on the book roster in the book club kit bin. 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
Mar 3	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time - Mark Haddon	Chris Marston
Apr 7	Benediction - Kent Haruf	Wanda Knauer & Robin Castor – church library
May 5	My Stroke of Insight - Jill Bolte Taylor	Bill & Sally Withers
Jun 2	We are all completely beside ourselves - Karen Joy Fowler	Diana Hutchinson
Jul 7	Let the Great World Spin - Colum McCann Fort Collins Reads 2014 community book	
Aug 4	Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend - Matthew Dicks	

Announcement:

Starting this Lent, you have the opportunity to be part of a small group study for the duration of the Lent season. We have graciously had 4 couples volunteer to lead a small group. Please take some time to prayerfully consider if you and/or your spouse would like to join one of the following groups: John and Wendy Sawyer will host Mondays beginning March 10th from 7:00-8:30pm, Mark and Kristin Reese will host on Sundays beginning March 9th from 6:30-8:00pm, Jeremy and Sharon Marburger will also host on Sundays beginning March 9th from 6:30-8:00pm and Chris and Jonathan Marston will host on Sundays beginning March 9th from 1:00-2:30pm. Please email or call Andrea Jones (ajj_jones22@yahoo.com, 402-540-8859)

once you have decided which group you would like to be part of or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. There is still the opportunity to host/lead a group as well. If this is something you would like more information about, please contact

Andrea about this as well.

Peace,
Andrea ☐

Small Groups

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

LEAH CIRCLE— Leah Circle will meet on Thursday, March 27th at 6:45pm at the home of Barb Slattenow.

QUILTING GROUP - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

KINDRED KWILTERS-meet 3rd Thursdays, 9:30am-4pm; Mary Huwa contact person

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP Thursdays, 6:45am @ Village Inn.

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT- welcomes all to bring their scrapbooking or other craft projects for the evening. Fruits of the Spirit will be meeting to work on your individual scrapbooking, stamping, or other craft projects.

Stewardship of our resources...



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Eligible members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans who have been designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2014**, to direct any remaining 2013 Choice Dollars®. Help support Our Saviour's Lutheran Church & Our Saviour's Lutheran Preschool. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-THRIVENT and state "Thrivent Choice®."

LFS has a NEW NAME! Visit our website for more information.



1. Lutheran Family Services (LFS) is proud of its Lutheran heritage in community service. We have been extending a healing hand to people for 66 years. We believe that all people, from the newborn infant to the most elderly person, deserve to be valued in our community. If you are interested in learning more about LFS or have questions, please contact Becca Sager at [303.217.5841](tel:303.217.5841) or at becca.sager@lfsrm.org.

2. First Annual Bowling Event: Roll a STRIKE for LFS! Bring your family & friends for this great FUNdraiser. Saturday, March 1, 10am – 1pm at Brunswick Zone in Westminster. \$20 Adults, \$15 Children (12 & Under), fee includes three games of bowling, rental shoes, door prizes, pizza & soda. Reg-

ister at www.lfsrm.org/events. Provide Help & Hope for Children and Families.

3. LFS Annual Gala: Celebrate with LFS at the Annual Benefit Gala, "Masked Ball at the Ritz", on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at The Ritz-Carlton in downtown Denver. Join us for a fun evening of dinner, auction and entertainment with Comedian Sam Adams. Register at www.lfsrm.org/events. Provide Help & Hope for Children and Families.

4. Car seats and Wrapping paper needed: The Denver Refugee office is looking for car seats that are either new or non-expired and in good condition. In addition, they need wrapping paper for next year's Angel Tree hands on project. If you are able to provide either of these items, please contact christy.wimber@lfsrm.org.

Habitat Stone Soup Build-

Our Saviour's is excited to be participating in Habitat's "Thrivent Stone Soup Build". Habitat was awarded a substantial grant from Thrivent Financial which combined with the commitment of funds and volunteers of 11 faith organizations is the base of the Stone Soup Home.

Our Saviour's work day is Thursday, April 3, 2014. We need to provide 15 volunteers that day. Other opportunities to volunteer are also available.

EVERY volunteer must REGISTER and sign up online at:

<http://volunteerup.com/Login.asp?w=i&o=7>

Be sure to register as a "Stone Soup Supporter".

*Stone Soup is a good-tasting soup that begins with a simple stone and boiling water, and becomes more with unique contributions from all involved. This story of faith is about a soldier who goes into a village and is told that there's not a bite to eat in the whole province. As villagers gather, he pulls out an iron cauldron, fills it with water, builds a fire under it and drops in a stone. Slowly, everyone in the village brings cabbage, salted beef, whatever they can and together they create a feast to share. **Please bring what you can to the feast! (Fort Collins Habitat Newsletter)***

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Jobson at jmjobs@hotmail.com or 490-1640



Homes built in the Fort Collins area:

54

Homes built internationally:

139

*Celebrating 50 Homes
Building More by 2020*

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

I would like to thank those of you who sent prayers, cards and messages of condolence upon the recent passing of my mother in Nebraska.

Marva Nass

Focus on Small Groups...

Altar Guild

Have you ever imagined the pained expression of an acolyte reaching to light the candle and it doesn't light; or the equally frustrated expression of the pastor who has to stop the service to also give it an unsuccessful try; or the pastor delivering the presiding words for communion, reaching for the Bread and the Body, and both are missing; or the pastor trying to baptize a baby from a dry Baptismal Font?

The Altar Guild insures those imaginative scenarios remain just that. Members of this group show up like the postal service, rain or shine, every weekend, for all three services. They work quietly behind the scenes, doing tasks that are so much a part of worship that most of us don't really think about how they get done. This group makes sure we have the bread, wine, grape juice and candle oil need for worship; they fill communion cups, put out clean paraments (the white linens) and make sure all elements of Communion are placed at their proper station. They make sure the candles are filled with oil and the Baptismal font is filled with water. They clean up after worship, take the paraments home, wash and return them for worship the next weekend. Altar Guild also organizes a small event to make the palm crosses to be worn on Palm Sunday.

When OSLC was founded in 1965 as a Mission Church we met in O'Dea School until our original building was constructed. Back then the sanctuary was what we now know as the Fellowship Hall. There was no sacristy just off the sanctuary and there was only a small poorly equipped kitchen located just northeast of the hallway.

In the early days of OSLC very few services were contracted. Members and the pastor did everything; church maintenance, lawn care, grounds keeping, cleaning, etc. There was not yet an organized group to take care of Communion which was served only once a month. It was prepared in the tiny kitchen by volunteers of individuals and families who often came with their children in tow. The current sacristy is a great improvement over what we had before and it allows for an easily accessible and efficient space to prepare, cleanup and store the supplies for communion.

Lea Bowne joined OSLC in 1977 and formally organized the group of Communion volunteers into what we know today as Altar Guild. Lea served as the coordinator for 30 years and passed the "baton" to Judy Haugen in 2007. Judy served for six years and now Janice Stuber is our Altar Guild coordinator. Altar Guild currently has 34 active members.

Lea Bowne has one memory that has stuck with her. It was in the early days when worship was held in the original sanctuary. All of the trays were used up during communion and the pastor needed a clean tray on which to put the used communion cups. Lea remembers getting up during the service, rushing to the tiny kitchen and returning back down the aisle with a clean tray. No big disruption; it was just a part of how things were done.

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Anyone is welcome to join Altar Guild. Training is provided if you are interested in joining. This is a volunteer opportunity for individuals or families of any age. Three services every weekend may seem daunting, however, the actual time commitment is not that great because a large group of volunteers share the duties. A brunch is held in April & October, during which the group not only enjoys fellowship, they address problems, discuss new opportunities put forth by the pastors, make changes as needed, and fill out the volunteer schedule for the next six months. For more information contact: Janice Stuber by phone at 970-484-5520 or by e-mail at kurocksjan@msn.com

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