

Weekly eNews Announcements

February 15th, 2017

"Our Saviour's Lutheran Church welcomes all to the love of Christ through Worshiping, Learning, and Serving."

Worship This Week



Epiphany Season Worship

Series: Living in the Grey This week: Is Jesus Weak?

February 18th -- holden 5:30pm

February 19th --With One Voice

9:45am Sunday School for

preschool-5th Grade, Adult education: Living in the Grey

Upcoming Events

Council Update

Congratulations to the following Council Members on their new positions: President-Jerry Freier
Vice President-Annie Hennen
Secretary-Cindy Skinner
Treasurer--Deems Hargleroad

Lenten Soup Suppers

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Lenten Soup Suppers begin Ash Wednesday, March 1 and continue for the following 5 weeks. **Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex starting this coming weekend, February 18/19.** Soup Supper donation recipients will be International Health Partners and the FOCOLU Youth trip to Ecuador.

Winter Dinner Gatherings for OSLC "Retirees"



Winter Dinner Gatherings-

For OSLC "Retirees"

What: Sunday afternoon dinners

When: March 5
Time: 3:00pm

Where: Dan & Marty Larsen's Home

2700 Bevan Circle, Ft. Collins, CO 80524

Sign up with Marty Larsen (970-484-6033 or marty@marthalarsen.com) or Janice Skinner (970-206-0116)

This will be an opportunity for folks ('retired') who attend the 3 different church services to renew long-time friendships plus the bonus of making new friendships!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Women's Retreat Registration is Open!

Join us in Estes Park for the weekend of March 31-April 2,

2017! Our theme is All In and we will explore ways that we are all in with ourselves, our community, our faith and spirituality. Cost is dependent on roommates and we will be organizing transportation so please fill out the online form.



Registration Link

Questions? contact Pastor Leta <u>leta@our-saviours.org</u>

Sky Ranch Annual Meeting

Join us for the Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 26, 3:30-5:00 at Dickens Tavern in Longmont. The Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to meet the new program staff, talk to Board members, and hear updated news on Sky Ranch. Appetizers provided. We would love to see you there! For more information contact our office at 970-493-5258.

Sign Up to be a Lent Mentor!



Lent Mentoring 2017!

When our students get to the end of confirmation, they most often say that mentoring was the best experience of their education. Come join us this Lent and mentor a youth!

February 22nd-Training at 6:15 for Mentors. Mentor-Student Match Up 6:45-7:45

Feb 22-April 19th-meet four times to engage in conversation. Bible study and guide is provided

April 26-Celebration and Wrap up 6:45pm-8:00pm Sign up by contacting Pastor Leta (leta@our-saviours.org)

Confirmation Students can sign up here.

North Colorado Conference

Who are the People in your Neighborhood??



Who are the People in Your Neighborhood?

Join us for a North Colorado

Rocky Mountain Synod Gathering

to find out!

When: March 5th, 2017 **Time:** 2:00pm-5:00pm

Location: Trinity Lutheran, 3333 Duffield Ave | Loveland, CO 80538

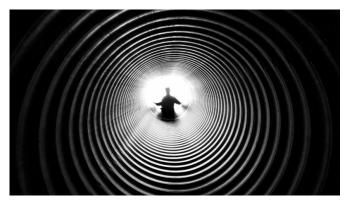
Contact: Pastor Leta or Pastor Michael to attend with them!

The North Colorado Conference consists of ELCA churches and ministries from the mountains of Estes Park to the Front Range and on out to the ministries on the plains. We are neighbors with a common identity and common mission -- together! We invite you for an afternoon of meeting each other, learning about one another's ministries, and opening doors to deeper conversation and mission of serving in Christ's name together.

LEARNING

WORSHIP SERIES STARTING JANUARY 7&8TH

Living in the Grey



Miss a week? Want to hear again?

Click for the sermon!

January 7th & 8th: Why would we die to Live?

January 14th & 15th: Did God have to sacrifice Jesus?

January 21st & 22nd: Who are God's People?

January 28th & 29th: Are Jesus' teachings in Black and White?

February 4th & 5th: Am I offensive if I talk about Jesus?

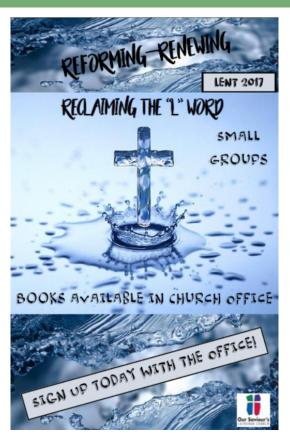
February 11th & 12th: Forgiveness? Seriously? February 18th &19th: Is Jesus Weak? February 25th & 26th: Living in a Paradox.

LENT SMALL GROUPS: RECLAIMING THE "L" WORD

Reclaiming the "L" Word

Sign up for a small group by filling out the form below by February 20th.

https://our-saviours.org/learn/adultforum/small-groups/



MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, February 28th at 7 am at The Breakfast Club (Just south of the Honda dealership). Rev. Dr. James Moy will present a program on "Christ and Culture" by Richard Niebuhr. Dr. Moy is the former Director of Multicultural Leadership Recruitment and Development for the ELCA and worked in the Division of Ministry, Contextual Directions of our 8 Lutheran Seminaries.

For information call Peter Jacobs at 970-988-4564

LEAH CIRCLE

Leah Circle will meet at 6:45 pm on Thursday, February 23rd at the home of Barb Slattenow. Anita Hildebrand will present the lesson and Marlys Oetken will provide dessert.

LUTHERAN ROOTS-WHY LUTHERAN?

LUTHERAN ROOTS

Our offerings of Bible Studies will resume in the New Year the week of January 8th.



Wednesday Night Bible Studies 5:45PM

January 11th thru February 22nd

Thursday Morning Bible Studies 9:30AM

January 12th thru February 23rd

February 15th How we worship

A look at the gift of worship

February 22nd The Church today

Who we are and where we are going?

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS The Larimer County Office on Aging is offering a free 6 week class here at Our Saviours called "Powerful Tools for Caregivers". It starts on Wed. Feb. 22nd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and is for any family caregiver who could use some support. Class size is limited and you must call (970)495-8560 to register. More information is on the table in the narthex.

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.

Join others to enjoy the beverage of your choice every **fourth Thursday**, **6:00-7:30pm**.

February 23rd at Dungeons and Drafts

CHILDREN & FAMILY

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Bible in 52 Weeks



Bible in 52 Weeks

We have launched the Bible in 52 weeks--Reading through parts of the Bible with one story a week. Once a month we will meet together and then home devotions can be used for the rest of the month.

Here is a link to the February home devotions:

<u>Bible Stories in a Year Faith Formation Journeys</u>

February Home Stories: Isaac, Joseph, Baby Moses, and Exodus

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIRS

Children's and Youth Choirs Wednesdays:

5:30-6:00 Jubilate Choir 6:00-6:20 Cherub Choir 6:30-7:00 Alleluia Choir



SUMMER CAMPS

Rainbow Trail Confirmation Camp July 16th - July 22nd http://www.rainbowtrail.org/

> Summerfest - August 4th - 6th http://skyranchcolorado.org/





YOUTH

FoCoLu EVENTS



Registration for Winter and Spring Classes is open! Click here!

FEBRUARY SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP AT TLC ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 7-815PM

FEBRUARY CONFIRMATION AT SOTH ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 645-8 FEB- 8,15

February 22nd: Lent Mentoring Kick Off at OSLC 6:45 PM

February 25th - Middle School Service Project

February 26th - Sr. High Fellowship Event

http://focolu.org/



SERVICE & GIVING

Habitat Double Event

On Friday, February 24, at 4 pm, Fort Collins Habitat is hosting a rare double event at the Avondale Cottages in Ridgewood Hills located at 6602 Avondale Road. A wall raising ceremony will be held for a new Thrivent Stone Soup home being built in partnership with two Fort Collins churches. Secondly, a new home for the Swift family will be dedicated by the Habitat staff, Fort Collins officials, home sponsors, and builders. Although this was a Women Build sponsored project, the Habitat crew from OSLC worked on the Swift home last September. Please join us for this special occasion and meet the Swift family while touring the home we helped to build. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jerry Freier (<u>freierreed@msn.com</u> or 970-482-6163).



Training New Stephen Ministers

We were unable to recruit enough people to start our training for new Stephen Ministers this month. We had two people requesting to be Stephen Ministers, but that is just not nearly enough people to make the training worthwhile for both the trainers and trainees.

Please pray that more people will hear the call to be Stephen Ministers and hopefully we'll have a new class up and running in the Fall.

Thank you!

OVOF Gifting

OVOF *Gifting* is now focusing on kitchen/dining items due to storage constraints. Bedding, towels and furniture are now stored by Kristin Reese who is working with Faith Families. Both groups help formerly homeless families as they move into their first home.

OVOF *Gifting* is currently in need of measuring spoons and liquid and dry measuring cups. Donations may be placed in the OVOF tub in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

Questions? Contact Wanda (970-581-0678)

FAITH FAMILY HOSPITALITY HOSTING AT OSLC

The next hosting week for FFH will begin on Easter Sunday April 16th. We are excited to announce a new partnership with St. Luke's Episcopal Church along with our continued work with our support congregation Temple Or Hadash. Due to the expansion of FFH programming, all new and old volunteers are encouraged to attend a training session. OSLC is hosting training sessions on Feb 6th from 7:00-8:30 and March 5th from 1:00-2:30 To sign up email lindsayvonb@gmail.com.

Other upcoming training sessions at surrounding congregations are planned for Jan 23, Feb 26 and May 6th. Please contact Lindsay von Bernuth (<u>lindsayvonb@gmail.com</u>) or Jodi Loecke (<u>jodiloecke@comcast.net</u>) for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of FFH!



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

OSLC and Habitat Host Global Mission in Vietnam: Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity and OSLC are partnering to help build affordable homes for families in need in Vietnam. This outreach mission trip is part of Habitat's Global Village program which seeks to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Vietnam was chosen in part because of our history with this country and in part to bring strength and stability to families needing a decent place to live. We will be building in the village of Pho Yen (northern Vietnam) from November 4-17, 2017, and the trip will also include sightseeing excursions along with a variety of cultural experiences. Vietnam is a beautiful country with friendly people and a rich culture that they are eager to share with us. The cost, including airfare, will be about \$2,500, with discounts for Thrivent members. For more information, please contact Jerry Freier at freierreed@msn.com or at 970-482-6163.



ONE VILLAGE ONE FAMILY heartily thanks the OSLC villages that helped house two homeless families in 2016. Now it's time to add two more villages! How does OVOF work?

- 8 partner agencies, such as FFH, refer families to OVOF.
- Each family must have at least one child under 18--& no felony convictions.
- They must have a job or non-expiring aid to support their living expenses.
- They must commit to 7 meetings with their village.

<u>How about the villages</u>?

- Each 4-5 member village commits to a training session + about 7 months of mentoring.
- They meet with their family monthly, & the leader calls them weekly.
- Finding affordable housing requires energy, given the local housing crunch.

How can we all help?

- Volunteer for a village & pray for those who do.
- Help raise \$2,000 per village to cover first month's rent + deposit. <u>Generous donors</u> have already given \$2,000! <u>Thank you!!</u> Questions? <u>mbmihm@comcast.net</u>.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Choice Dollars® directions can help support OSLC's ministries.

Think of the impact you-along with other eligible Thrivent members-can help make by directing Choice Dollars® to OSLC. The grant funding we receive from Thrivent Financial through this program can help us meet the unexpected needs of our ministries. Choice Dollars for 2016 must be designated by March 31, 2017. Directing Choice Dollars is easy. Simply go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Together, we can do even more to help strengthen communities and change lives.

OTHER NEWS

OFFICE NEWS



The Church Office will be closed Monday, February 20th for Presidents' Day!

Copies of the updated directory are available in the office.

NEW OFFICE HOURS: Monday 12 pm - 3:30 pm Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 3:30 pm

We will be continuing to have volunteers in the office!

Volunteers Needed: If you are available on weekdays between 9 and 3 for a 2-hour shift and would like to volunteer to help with phones and assisting in the church office please call the office at 970-484-3133 or email at office@our-saviours.org or sign up Online Here!

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Please send e



The weekly Synod newsletter can be found at the following link:

http://rmselca.org/email-newsletter-archive

You're Invited! Concordia Seminary Choir Concert

The Concordia Seminary Choir, "Laudamus," will be in concert at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fort Collins, Colo., as part of their spring tour on Sunday, February 19th at 7:30 pm. The choir will sing an eclectic program of music representing the church's song from many different genres. Plan to join us for this event! Please Visit: csl.edu/laudamus or redeemerconnect.com/news

New Member Class



Are you looking for a church home and want more information about OSLC?

Please stop by the Welcome table in the Narthex or send

an email to the pastors for more information leta@our-saviours.org michael@our-saviours.org

New Member Welcome Class, April 30, 2017

11:00am with a brunch followed by an orientation class from noon until 2:00pm

If you or someone you know is interested in OSLC Membership, please contact the church office.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SATURDAY	THIS WEEK - February 18	NEXT WEEK - February 25
GREETER/USHER:		
WORSHIP ASST:	Duane Daire	Roberta Menten
SOUND BOARD:		
ACOLYTE:	Quinn Halvors on	Ella Wolf

8:30 Service	THIS WEEK - February 19	NEXT WEEK - February 26
GREETER:	Vern and Phyllis Reichert	
USHER:		
WORSHIP ASST:		Melanie Reed
SOUND BOARD:		
ACOLYTES:	Russell & Caroline Menten	Cara Butler & Gabriel Stadtmueller
COFFEE HOST:	Diana Hutchins on	Christine Butler
11:00 Service	THIS WEEK - February 19	NEXT WEEK - February 26
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	THIS WEEK - February 19 Alan Romero	NEXT WEEK - February 26 Alan Romero
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Below are options to volunteer:

1. SIGNUP GENIUS: Click HERE

2. Our Saviour's Website: Click HERE

3. Call the office: 970-484-3133



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