

Weekly eNews Announcements

February 8th, 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: Forgiveness?
Seriously?

February 11th -- holden 5:30pm

February 12th -- With One Voice

9:45am Sunday School for preschool-5th Grade, Adult education: Living in the Grey, Bible in 52 Weeks

Upcoming Events

Winter Dinner Gatherings for OSLC "Retirees"



Winter Dinner Gatherings-

For OSLC "Retirees"

What: Sunday afternoon dinners
When: February 19 & 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 leta@our-saviours.org

Winterfest Family Weekend



February 24-26th at the YMCA

Join us for a fun weekend in the mountains-sometimes in snow and sometimes in snow! It's all fun! All ages and family shapes and sizes are welcome. Cost is \$300 per family/room.

(Confidential Financial assistance is available by contacting Pastor Leta)

Register by clicking here!

For more information contact Deems and Jennifer Hargleroad dhargler@hotmail.com or Pastor Leta leta@our-saviours.org

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 (<u>leta@our-saviours.org</u>)

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.

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 8th Saint and Sinner

A look at the Paradox of faith

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



Sunday School 9:45 Preschool - 5th Grade in Sanctuary

Together in Faith for 4th Graders 9:45 am in 8N

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



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

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 (lindsayvonb@gmail.com) or Jodi Loecke (jodiloecke@comcast.net) 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. An informational meeting is planned for Wednesday, February 8, at 6 pm in room 12E. For more information, please contact Jerry Freier at freierreed@msn.com or at 970-482-6163.



ONE VILLAGE ONE FAMILY

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.

How about the villages?

- 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>.

THANK YOU FROM THE MURPHY CENTER

THANK YOU, Our Saviour's, and the donors who recently contributed \$2,000 to the Murphy Center Food Pantry. We anticipate serving more than 45,000 meals in 2017 via:

1. Morning Day Services:

Continental breakfast including coffee every morning

- 2. Take-Away Meals: "Take-away" style lunches distributed M-F
- 3. Family Food Boxes:

Boxes of food distributed to OVOF (and other) families in need

4. Night Street Outreach: Food bags distributed 3 nights/week

Thank you!!!

Ken John, Murphy Center Resource & Marketing Director

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.

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! Please send any office communication to office@our-saviours.org

Please send enews and announcements to leslie@our-saviours.org or office@our-saviours.org

CONNECTING WITH OUR SYNOD



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 edectic 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

Lutheran Campus Ministry Faculty and Staff Appreciation Dinner

Faculty and staff of Colorado State University and Front Range Community College of Fort Collins, Lutheran Campus Ministry would like to celebrate you and say thanks for your service. We are hosting an appreciation dinner on Saturday, February 25th at 6:00 pm at our building at 805 S Shields St. With dinner there will be a brief program around the conversation of serving college students in the present age. We want to glean from your knowledge to better serve. Please RSVP to Pastor Paul Judson at pastor@lcmcsu.org.

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

<u>leta@our-saviours.org</u> <u>michael@our-saviours.org</u>

New Member Welcome Class, April 30, 2017

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

Spiritual Morsel

The wpr of the course some a powerful reality to which we commit ourselves in prayerful concern.

Pastor Fred Castor Spiritual Guide

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SATURDAY	THIS WEEK - February 11	NEXT WEEK - February 18
GREETER/USHER:		
WORSHIP ASST:	Sylvia Daire	Duane Daire
SOUND BOARD:		
ACOLYTE:	Will Clouser	Quinn Halvorson

8:30 Service	THIS WEEK - February 12	NEXT WEEK - February 19
GREETER:	Vern and Phyllis Reichert	
USHER:		
WORSHIP ASST:		
SOUND BOARD:		
ACOLYTES:	Katelyn Miller & Molly Wulff	Russell & Caroline Menten
COFFEE HOST:	Steven & Teri Micek	Diana Hutchinson
11:00 Service	THIS WEEK - February 12	NEXT WEEK - February 19
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GREETER/USHER: WORSHIP ASST:	<u> </u>	NEXT WEEK - February 19 Kaija Kaupang & Benny Duran
GREETER/USHER: WORSHIP ASST: SOUND BOARD:	Alan Romero	

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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