

JUNE JULY AUGUST 2017

THE SIGNAL

A Publication from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Summer Picnics

WEDNESDAYS: JUNE 7TH, 14TH, 21ST
AUGUST 23RD & 30TH

6:00 PM @ OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN
BRING A SIDE DISH TO
SHARE!

Worship With Us

Saturday

5:30 pm

Sunday

9:00 am

10:30 am

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.

**Bike to
church
day**

AUGUST 12 & 13



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Our Saviour's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Being Knit Together in Christ--Sabbatical and Beyond

Paul writes to the Ephesians in 4:16, that in Christ we are joined and knit together and in this way we as a body of Christ grow and are built up in love. As a community at Our Saviour's, I have not only been privileged experienced this being knit together with one another but also with our community, those passing through, and those we are engaged in serving and loving across the world. Beyond that, I am truly grateful for how we are knit together and the opportunities we have to grow and build and be the body of Christ in this time and place. And I am beyond grateful not just for a sabbatical experience but also for how this love of Christ will thread us together today and beyond.

As it turns out our Capital Campaign and Building theme verse and our sabbatical verse are the same from Ephesians 4:16. This is a beautiful knitting together of our spiritual selves, our growth and expanding of our physical space, and our desire to build up generations here at OSLC and in our wider community in this knit together love. Body-Mind-Spirit are woven together within us and within our relationship with God. As I embark on a time of reflection, study, and renewal I will be engaging deeper in the Body-Mind-Spirit practices of faith, digging deeper into these relationships and into how we continue as a faith community to grow up in love for one another and our neighbors.

As I travel for the first part of the sabbatical, I will visit key places in early Christian history and spirituality. I will spend time in Iceland, France, Switzerland, and Italy exploring God's presence in creation, history, and contemporary spirituality. As a country that claims Lutheranism as their national religion, Iceland will offer unique

Lutheran history and perspective as well as a view of contemporary spiritual practice in this place with key focus questions of religious and spiritual identity and how they are tied together in a smaller (population-wise) country with different traditions and Lutheran roots.

France will offer a way to examine not only the roots of Taizé music at the community gathering and communal living in Taizé, France but also a chance to focus in on the question of how the convergence of religious history for Christians, Jews, and Muslims in particular plays a role in spirituality and community today. Switzerland will offer a unique view of the Reformation (we celebrate 500 years of the reformation this fall!) as well as an opportunity to visit CERN the world's leading science research center. Here key questions will be focused on how the advancement of science leads us into faith filled journeys and faithful conversations about how our roles as religious communities and science communities intersect and influence culture. Visiting Florence and Rome in Italy will take me to many different early Christian sites as well as deeper into the arts and how they influence and open us up to a deeper sense of our own experiences and inner development.

Assisi, Italy will offer the opportunity to learn more about St. Francis and the franciscan community and theology. I have recently been engaging in academic and spiritual study of St. Francis through reading, courses from the Center for Contemplative Action (New Mexico), and through experiences in meditation. Franciscan theology and practice is particularly on point for

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Pastor Leta's Sabbatical Reading List!

Beyond Church Walls: Cultivating a Community of Care by Rick Rouse

The Divine Dance by Richard Rohr

Thinking Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman

Blue Ocean Faith by Dave Schmelzer

Motherprayer: Lessons in Loving by Barbara Mahany

Hallelujah Anyway by Anne LaMott

The Mindful Path to Self Compassion by Christopher K Germer

Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project by Jack Mayer

Digital Cathedral: Networked Ministry in a Wireless World by Keith Anderson

Not Your Parents' Offering Plate: A New Vision for Financial Stewardship by J.Clif Christopher



Being Knit Together in Christ--Sabbatical and Beyond (Continued)

our world today as we can look to these practices as a way to ground ourselves spiritually in order to navigate our fast paced and global world and experiences. Franciscan theology has much to say about how faith and culture and government and daily life intersect. I will have the chance to be immersed in this history and contemporary practice through a monastery stay in Assisi as well as several days of exploration. This is a key part of what I hope to gain deeper appreciation for and understanding of what this spiritual community, that has centers throughout the world, has to say to how we as Lutherans and we as OSLC in particular engage in spiritual practices and engage as citizens living faith in our community and daily life. As I return to the United States, I will spend a week at Gettysburg Seminary for a chance for further study and reflection. I will spend time in deeper engagement in our Ft. Collins area community as well bringing new insights into perspective and practice.

I am deeply grateful for this opportunity to learn, grow, and be renewed in a way in which will lead us together into deeper engagement in our spirituality as a community. I am excited to see how OSLC engages the opportunities during this time as well! Sabbatical time for you is a chance to have eyes open for new ways that God shows up in your life and in our life together! Summer often brings the challenge of staying connected and there are so many ways to do so this year.

*Engage in worship and the series that focuses on Being Knit Together

*Join in on Bible in 52 Weeks through the Facebook community group (Our Saviour's Lutheran Gathering Place), home devotions and/or the once a month get togethers around a Bible story June 11, July 9, August 13!

*Come to a Picnic in June (14, 21, 28) and August (23, 30) and invite someone new to join you!

*Check out Pastor Leta's sabbatical reading list and join in!

*Join in with the council in reading Beyond Church Walls: Cultivating a Community of Care by Rick Rouse

*Volunteer! Lead! Invite! Try something new!

*Read the blog posts that Pastor Leta will send and engage in discussion around the questions

*Take a knit square as a symbol for how we are knit together in Christ and take it with you anywhere you go. Pick a place to take a photo and post it in the Facebook Group Our Saviour's Lutheran Gathering Place or email to office@our-saviours.org

May you remember that God is with you in all times, places, and journeys and that we are Knit together in Christ today, tomorrow and always. +

In God's Love,

Pastor Leta

MUSIC AT OSLC

Violins, organ, handbells, trumpet, timpani, guitar, preschool voices, children and teenaged voices, classically trained voices, shower trained voices.....these gifts from God, and many more, are the backbone to our healthy music programs here at OSLC!

As our programming year takes a hiatus for the summer months, all of our musical groups would like to encourage you to consider joining our musical mission in the fall. With our variety of musical groups, you are sure to find a home - and all groups accept all levels of musicianship!

Chancel Choir - Directed by Sheri McKelfresh Our Chancel Choir has a strong history of leading worship through song. Under the direction of Sheri McKelfresh, this flagship group leads worship twice a month (1st and 3rd Sundays). They perform a variety of styles of music - from traditional Lutheran, Gospel, and contemporary. They usually lead all of our special services - Christmas, Easter, Good Friday, and Pentecost, and they provide a Christmas Cantata musical offering every year during Advent. The Chancel Choir rehearses each Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm during the programming year. Sheri would like all interested individuals to know that they do not need to commit to the entire programming year to be a part of this musical group - they can work with your busy schedule! Please contact her with questions or to indicate interest: sheri@our-saviours.org

Handbell Choir - Directed by Marlys Oetken The OSLC Handbell Choir is a favorite - providing musical offerings each month, and for many of our special services. This special group comes together under the direction of Marlys Oetken, and they work on special music for Communion and Calls to Worship on the first Sunday of each month. They also lead one of our festive Christmas Eve services, and our Maundy Thursday during Holy Week. There is always room for more ringers - OSLC is blessed with a multi-octave bell set - so please make plans to join them when they reconvene for rehearsals in the fall! Please contact Marlys with any questions or to indicate interest: marlys@our-saviours.org

Celebration Band - Directed by Carrie Stadtmueller Our Celebration Band is the only rehearsing musical group that continues through the summer and entire year. This group is comprised of a core of very talented musicians, who welcome more to join their ranks! There is always a need for more guitar players, vocalists, and back up electric bass and drum players! They are also looking for interested individuals who would like to help with the sound board and set up each month. The group plays for both worship services on the 2nd Sunday of each month. They typically practice the Saturday morning before, and sometimes add an extra Thursday evening practice here and there. If you are an interested high school youth or adult, we'd love to have you check us out - please contact Carrie Stadtmueller at carrie@our-saviours.org with any questions.

Windstrings - Directed by Crystal Kerr

OSLC's most unique musical group is directed by our very talented worship accompanist, Crystal Kerr. This blended group enlists the talents of instrumentalists of all skills and backgrounds. Crystal composes, arranges, and varies musical scores to fit all skill levels and instrumental groupings to make beautiful worship music! Windstrings rehearse every Wednesday music during the programming year and lead worship every 4th Sunday of the month. They realize that life is busy - interested musicians can join in on the musical fun when it fits their schedules. If you are an instrumentalist who would like to share their talent with the congregation, please consider joining this fun group. Contact Crystal Kerr at crystal@our-saviours.org with any questions.

Children's & Youth Choirs - Directed by Carrie Stadtmueller OSLC is blessed to have a strong and growing Children's and Youth Choir program. These groups offer a musical outlet for children ages 3-18 (preschool - high school). Our three choirs are grouped by age levels; ● Cherub Choir: 3 years old - Kindergarten ● Alleluia Choir: 1st grade - 5th grade ● Jubilate Choir: 6th grade - 12th grade Each group practices on Wednesday evening (rehearsal times will be available closer to our fall start up), and they rotate leading worship on the 1st & 3rd Sundays each month during the programming year. Not only does each group work on age/skill appropriate music, they also learn on cultivating growing music skills, music theory, and learning about Lutheran Worship liturgy. Our goal for the upcoming year is to increase our middle school and high school youth participation. We realize that our young adults

are super busy people, and that sometimes committing to an entire programming year is difficult, however, with open communication, all interested singers can join when it fits in with their schedules. Monthly calendars will be provided and special rehearsals for those who cannot attend every Wednesday evening will be offered. (More info about this will be available when fall schedules become available.) Please contact Carrie Stadtmueller with any questions at carrie@our-saviours.org

VOLUNTEER FOR SUMMER WORSHIP SPECIAL MUSIC & CANTORS

Share your talents during worship this summer!

All instruments, voices and styles of music welcome.

Please let us know which service dates and times (9:00, 10:30 or both) you are available.

June: Sundays: 11, 18, 25

July: Sundays: 2, 16, 23, 30

August: Sundays: 6, 20, 27

September: Sunday Sept 3

Contact Natalie in the church office or Crystal Kerr at crystal@our-saviours.org

Summer Events



WATERWORLD SIGN UP:

CONTACT DIANA

HUTCHINSON (970) 219-2994

The park opens at 10:00 am. We will meet at 9:00 outside the gate.

Tots under 40" are free, and seniors 60+ are only \$10.99. Please make a comment if you have anyone in one of these categories.

If you can give a ride, or if you need a ride, please let us know.

FOR MORE EVENTS:

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

/OSLEFORTEOLLINS

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

WWW.OUR-SAVIOURS.ORG

POOL PARTY

JULY 6
Time TBD

RALLY DAY

SEPT 10

**OUTDOOR
MOVIE NIGHT**
JUNE 14TH
8 PM (OR AS SOON
AS IT'S DARK)

Summer Camp is approaching!

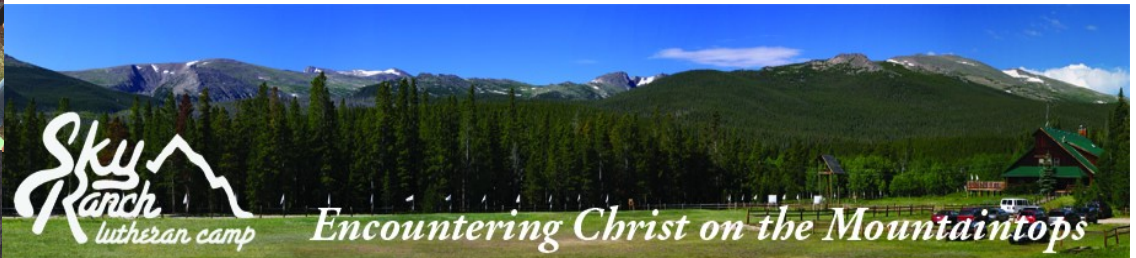


Confirmation Camp

July 16th—22nd

www.rainbowtrail.org

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summer-camp-sign/](https://our-saviours.org/2017/03/07/summer-camp-sign/)**



Sky Ranch (All Ages)

August 6th—11th

www.skyranchcolorado.org

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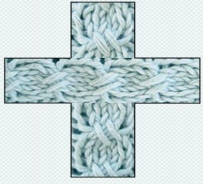
Summerfest

August 4th—6th

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summerfest-august-4-6/](https://our-saviours.org/2017/02/16/summerfest-august-4-6/)**

A Prayer: Gracious God, we pray that all of these young adults who are counselors this summer may be surrounded with your Holy Spirit. Let the time in the mountains for each of our children open their eyes to see you more. Amen

WORSHIP WITH US!



K n i t
T o g e t h e r
i n C h r i s t

Knit Together- Interweaving Conflict and Unity

Summer Sermon Series #1

Long before arguments over the color of the carpets, the church experienced conflict. This series will explore early Christian Conflicts and how God has knit us together into the church.

June 18 - Week #1 - Made to Tangle - Woven in Love
-The Christian Church and Conflict - An Introduction

June 25 - Week #2 - You Don't Always Have to Follow the Pattern
-The Old vs The New

July 2 - Week #3 - Knitting Together
- Individual vs Community

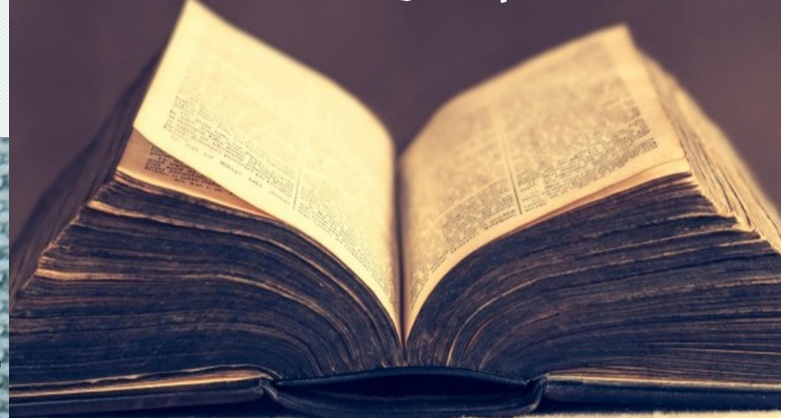
July 9 - Week #4 - Diversity of Yarns Makes a More Beautiful Tapestry
- My Gifts vs. Your Gifts

July 16 - Week #5 - Does the Brand of materials matter?
- Church vs Church

July 23 - Week #6 - The Warp and Weft
- Church vs Politics

July 30 - Week #7 - The Knots We Hide
- Our Inner Conflict

The story of you



Summer Sermon Series #2

When we study scripture, when we pray, when we serve, we seek to better know God, but to better know God we must better know ourselves. Join us in discovering how God's stories enter our stories.

August 5th & 6th God, Awaken in us a hunger to serve others.

August 12th & 13th God, Send us to be a sign of your presence to others.

August 19th & 20th God, Give us compassion and constancy.

August 26th & 27th God, Strengthen our identity.

September 2nd & 3rd God, Align our mission with yours.

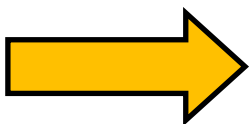
September 9th & 10th God, Remove that which is harmful on our journey.

September 16th & 17th God, May your will be done through us.

September 23 & 14th God, Help us to embrace your grace.

September 30th & October 1st God, Help us to use humbly use the gifts we've received.

SUMMER HABITAT BUILDS



House Ground Blessing & Wall Raising followed by Celebration Party

Sunday, June 18 at 2 pm at Harmony Cottages (SE corner of Harmony & Taft Hill Road)*

Party at 3:30-5 pm at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (1200 S. Taft)

*Parking limited at Harmony Cottages. Shuttle service provided to & from Shepherd of the Hills starting 1:30 pm

Volunteer

with FOCOLU

June 10 * July 8 * August 5
(future dates tbd)

Donate

Give your donation to your FuOCOLU church
or organization and indicate
"FOCOLU Habitat."

Summer Worship Service Times



Starting May 28th
@ OSLC

SATURDAY 5:30 PM

SUNDAY 9:00 AM

SUNDAY 10:30 AM

OFFICE HOURS*

MONDAY 12–3:30

TUESDAY–FRIDAY 9–3:30

***EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS**

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SUMMER

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