

Weekly eNews Announcements

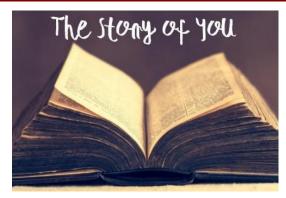
August 30th, 2017

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

Worship This Week

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday 5:30 pm Sunday 9:00 am* & 10:30 am*



IMPORTANT - Sunday Worship starting September 10th: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

(Yes, we have changed our regular school year times. You can read more about it in our next Signal. Mark it in your calendars!)

Wednesday Night Activities Resume September 6th

Take a knit square!

Knit squares are available in the narthex and we are asking you to take them with you someplace you go this summer. Take a picture of where you are with the square and send the photo to natalie@our-saviours.org to be used in a photo display this summer showing how we are knit together no matter where we go!

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1349603485105413/

Upcoming Events

LAST SUMMER PICNIC TONIGHT! FALL PROGRAMMING STARTS NEXT WEEK!

AUGUST 30TH 6:00 PM

We will provide the burgers & hotdogs, but we ask that you bring a side dish to share.

RALLY DAY



ADVOCACY ACTION - COMING IN SEPTEMBER!

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering....

Outside Our Walls presents us with a wide variety of opportunities to be "God's Work. Our Hands." in Fort Collins and around the world. During September, we will learn more about Christian Advocacy and add a new opportunity to be "God's Work. Our Voices." in support of funding for international and domestic hunger-fighting programs. Sophia Behrens (Rocky Mountain Synod Hunger Network Board Member) and Beth DeHaven are planning a month of "Advocacy Action" that will conclude with an intergenerational Sunday School event on September 24th and an "Offering of Letters" on September 30/October 1 during worship services. Want to get a jump start on September's activity? Check out these web sites: ELCA Advocacy Bread for the World

REFORMATION FEST



MIKAH MEYER IN FORT COLLINS

Sep. 30 - 5:30pm service Oct. 1 - 8:30am/10:30am services

As recently heard on NPR, Lutheran pastor's kid and professional countertenor singer, Mikah Meyer, will be at Fort Collins' Our Saviour's Lutheran on September 30th/October 1st as part of his world record, 3-year road trip to all 417 National Park Service sites.

Mikah has been living in a cargo van while traveling across the U.S. for the past 17 months becoming the youngest person to visit the entirety of the National Park System--using the media and platform to share a message of carpe diem, hope, and

acceptance for LGBT Christians. To keep this project going, he "sings for his supper" and receives donations to fuel him to the next park. Come hear him sing, about his ministry, and ask your questions about the parks journey.

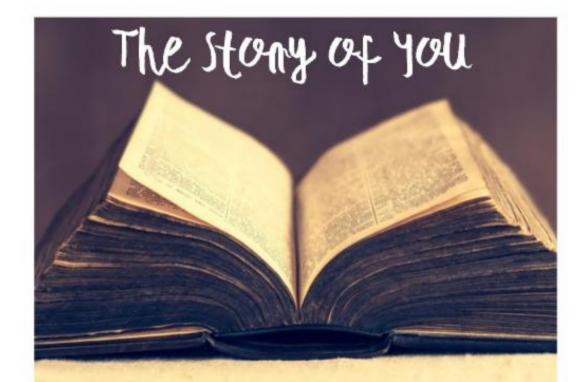
ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

Our Annual Craft Fair/Flea Market will still happen! Save those items but reminder - No Electronics or Clothes. Stay tuned for more information.

Questions?
Karen Wulff 970-215-5083 & Sandy Flockhart 970-217-2631

LEARNING

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES #2



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.

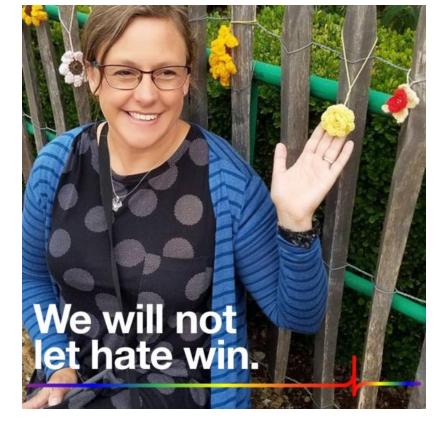
September 9th & 10th God, Remove that which is harmful on our journey.

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

September 23 & 24th God, Help us to embrace your grace.

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

Listen to the sermons at: https://www.our-saviours.org/sermons



Pastor Leta will officially return from Sabbatical on Sunday, September 24th.

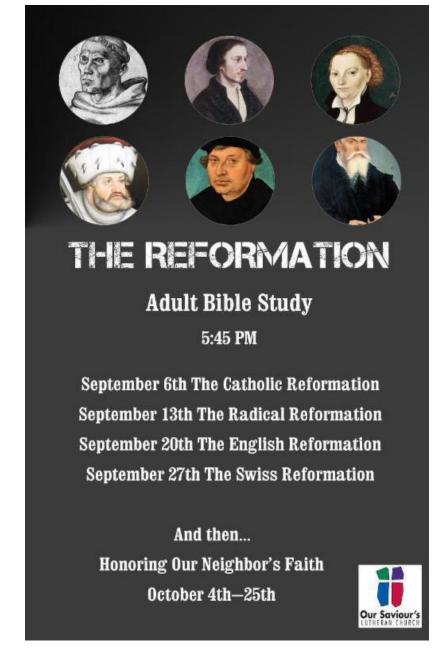
Read the Blogs Here:

Blog 1: <u>Ecuador</u> Blog 2: <u>Iceland</u>

Blog 3: Sacred Spaces

Blog 4: A Word on Charlottesville, VA

FALL BIBLE STUDY



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.

Next Date: September 21st

BOOK CLUB

Sep 4	Being Mortal by Atul Gawande	Shelly Carroll
Oct 2	High Tide in Tuscon by Barbara	
	Kingsolver	

CHILDREN & FAMILY

Sunday School

Sunday School starts back up September 17th! Find out more information at Rally Day on September 10th 11:30 am

Bible in 52 Weeks



Bible in 52 Weeks

Grab a story packet in the fellowship hall and have fun at home with the activities they share

Take a photo of the activities and upload them to our Facebook group:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1349603485105413/?
sw_fnr_id=1994175596&fnr_t=0
Contact Naomi with any questions

Here is a link to the August home devotions: Bible Stories in a Year Faith Formation Journeys

> August Home Stories: #29 Walking on Water #30 Jesus Heals Many #31 Jesus Heals Blind Man #32 The Good Samaritan

YOUTH

FoCoLu EVENTS



Upcoming Events:

September 6th - 7-8:15 Kickoff for Wednesday Sr. High FOCOLU Youth Group - at OSLC

September 6th - Start date for Wednesday night Confirmation classes. SOTH-6:45-8

September 9th - 12pm - Middle School Fellowship Event 12pm - Sr. High Fellowship Event

September 10th - 1-3pm -God's Work Our Hands at Campus Ministry **September 10th** - Rally Day!

September 16th - Dinner for Confirmands
September 17th - Confirmation Reception 9:45 am
Confirmation Sunday 10:30 am

Confirmation Students: Sign up for classes here! http://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/13572d804aeceedc53-focolu1

Watch the Ecuador Video HERE:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6mro8jgnVLAZy1PenVIY0t2U28/view

http://focolu.org/



SERVICE & GIVING

Lutheran Disaster Relief for Hurricane Harvey

So far the FOCOLU churches have raised \$6,000 towards Hurricane Relief Efforts through Lutheran Disaster Response. We are still taking and sending in donations. If you would like to donate, please put in your check's memo line "Lutheran Disaster Relief".

FOCOLU Habitat Special Dates for September

Bunco Night Fundraiser will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on September 9 at 6:15 pm. Besides the parlor game, nachos will be served, in what promises to be a fun-filled evening. Cost is \$15/person.

Shred for a Cause. Thrivent Financial is sponsoring a Habitat fundraiser in which boxes of papers to be shredded can be brought to 2020 Lowe Street in Fort Collins and donations made. All donations will go directly to support Fort Collins Habitat.

OSLC-Habitat Build Day will be on Thursday, September 28 and 16 volunteers are needed.

Please contact Jerry Freier at freierreed@ msn.com or 970-482-6163 for additional information about the special events or to volunteer on September 28.

WE STILL NEED SCHOOL CLOTHES!

<u>Thank you</u> for the wonderful donations you have already given! OOW asks that you please keep them coming until Labor Day. Children's clothing and shoes will be distributed on Sept. 16 by Children in Need, a division of Homeless Gear. Especially needed: slacks and jeans, t-shirts and hoodies, tennis shoes, blankets, new socks, and new underwear. <u>A special need this year is toiletries</u>-both personal (hotel) size and family size. Please find the bins in the fellowship hall to drop off your items.

Bless you for your generosity

FAITH FAMILY HOSPITALITY



... supporting families from homelessness to self-sufficiency

THANK YOU to all the Faith Family Volunteers for a great hosting week! We were able to provide housing, delicious food and a ministry of presence to a total of 5 families throughout the week. One wonderful family transitioned into permanent housing. Thank you for all of your hard work and care!

New FFH training dates

There are multiple training sessions this summer and fall. Please consider attending one of these informative sessions. The locations have in the past been subject to change so please confirm prior to the date on the FFH website www.faithfamilyhospitality.org

Sept. 9, 1-2:30 pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Sept. 10,7-8:30 pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

One Village One Family Gifting



Our gifting program has provided kitchen items such as dish, glass, & silverware sets, pots & pans, baking sheets, coffee makers, and toasters for **10 families** in 2017. Thank you to everyone who has donated items to keep out supply closets stocked. **Our current need is for cookie sheets**. Big Lots and Walmart have these at good prices. Gently used cookie sheets are also welcome.

BUILDING UPDATES



Capital Campaign update

August 30:

Total received: \$486,437.24 Total pledged: \$1,635,322

Did you know that member Ann Story keeps track of all giving to the capital campaign? You can call the office to get an update on where you are on your commitment anytime or email ann@our-saviours.org

Detailed information can be found by the campaign sign in the narthex.

OTHER NEWS

OFFICE NEWS



The Office will be closed Monday, September 4th for Labor Day

Monday 12 pm - 3:30 pm Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 3:30 pm

We need your help!

We need volunteers to help with the office during the summer!
Contact the church office at office@our-saviours.org.



STAFE' UPDANTE sign-up posted on the office door.

Due to house flooding and a long-term repair process, Maryls Oetken will be taking a leave of absence from Director of Bells for the remainder of 2017. During the fall, Natalie Grapes (our friendly Office Administrator) will be serving as the temporary director. You can learn a little more about her handbell background here:

Natalie Grapes is a Guild Member of the Handbell Musicians of America, is a member of an auditioned community bell choir in Northern Colorado called Bells of the Rockies, and rings with the Chancel Handbell Choir at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Collins. She has been a part of numerous local and area festivals, workshops, and even participated in the National Anthem at a Denver Nuggets game. This summer she attended the National Handbell Seminar in Anaheim, California which consisted of four days of classes, workshops, concerts, and rehearsals ending with a concert at the Fantasyland Theatre in Disneyland.

OFFERING TELLER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to count offering for Monday mornings in September and early October. Haven't done it before? Not a problem! Natalie will guide you through it. It only takes about 30 minutes (or less) of your time.

Sign up to volunteer in the church office or online at:

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094ba8ab2daa8-fall

CONNECTING WITH OUR SYNOD



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

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

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

5:30 PM	
Terry Rasmussen	
9:00 AM	
Eva Sue Littleton	
Jim & Bonnie Shumaker	
Ben Freeman	
10:30 AM	
Laura Burlingame-Lee	
Aidan & Rebecca Burlingame-Lee	
9:30 AM	

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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