



## Weekly eNews Announcements

December 13, 2017

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

### Worship This Week

**Saturday Worship**  
5:30pm

**Sunday Worship**  
8:30 am & 10:30 am

**Education at 9:40 am**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a cross generational  
Happy Birthday Jesus Party!



**\*Wednesday Night Activities starting at 5 pm\***

# *On the Journey*



*Advent*  
2017

**ADVENT 1 - KEEP AWAKE**  
**NOVEMBER 26TH**

**ADVENT 2 - PREPARE**  
**DECEMBER 3RD**

**ADVENT 3 - DO NOT BE AFRAID**  
**DECEMBER 10TH**

**ADVENT 4 - MY SOUL MAGNIFIES THE LORD!**  
**DECEMBER 17TH**

**SATURDAYS 5:30 PM, SUNDAYS 8:30 & 10:30 AM**



Missed a Sermon?

Sermons are available to listen to online

<https://www.our-saviours.org/sermons>

**SPECIAL WORSHIP FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

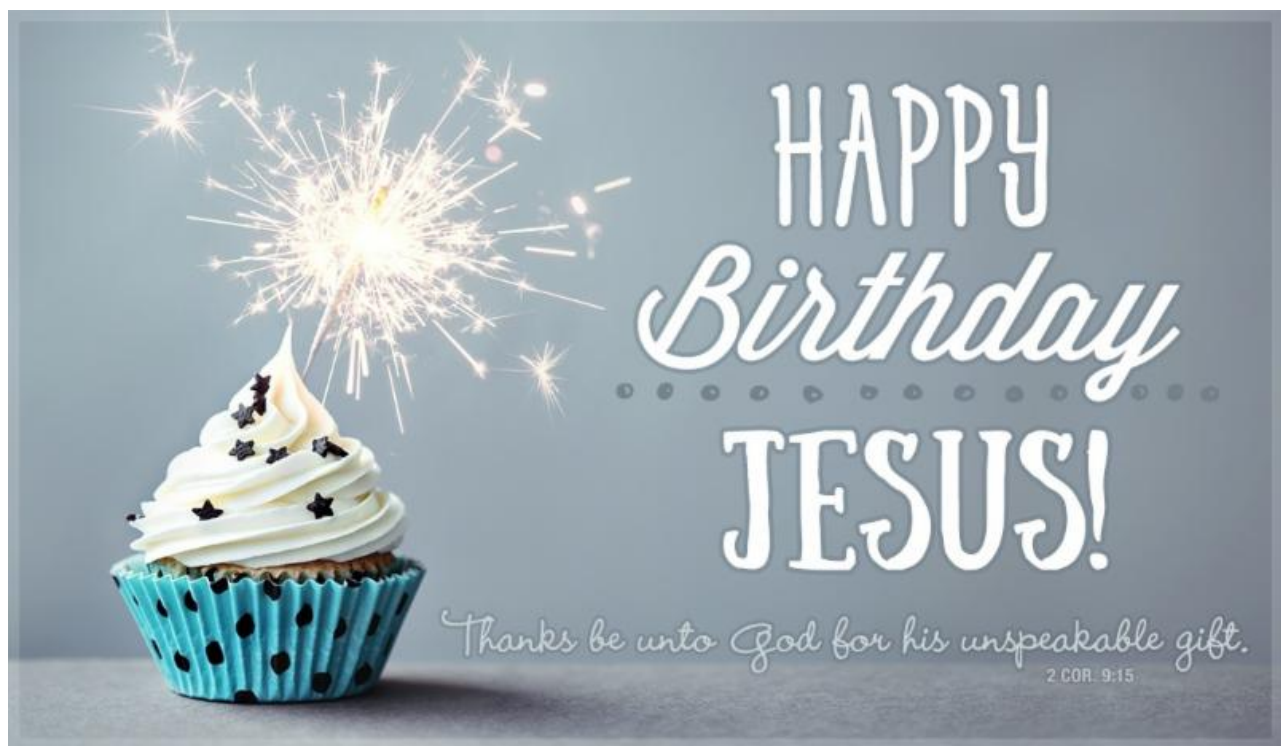


## Upcoming Events

### **KIDS NIGHT IN! PARENTS GET YOUR SHOPPING DONE!**

**KIDS NIGHT IN CHRISTMAS TIME** will take place on Friday, December 15 5:00-9:00pm. Ages 0-12 join us for a night of Christmas fun and games, dinner will be served! A free will donation will be collected. RSVP with names & ages to [leslie@our-saviours.org](mailto:leslie@our-saviours.org)

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY!**



This Sunday Dec 17th

Happy Birthday Jesus Party! Join us in the fellowship hall at 9:30 for a fun event celebrating Jesus' birthday! High school youth will lead some games and we will have a fun time together across the generations! Coffee, donuts and treats!

## THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU! END OF THE YEAR

As we end the year we give thanks for your generosity and commitment to the church. The ministry of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is thriving in no small part because of your support. It is shaping up to be a great year and in a matter of weeks our construction on our building project will begin.

We want to remind you that for tax purposes all gifts need to be in or postmarked before the end of the year if you want them counted on your 2017 taxes. Please take a look at the following comments to aid you in responding with your gifts.

- You can electronically give through your bank. Email Natalie (natalie@our-saviours.org) in the office for more information on how to set this up. (If you would like to do this before the end of year, you must do this ASAP).
- You can give by credit card by following this link <https://our-saviours.org/give/>. Please remember that a small percentage of all credit card gifts is taken as a fee by the card company, but we are still happy to accept those gifts.
- If you donate stock beware that due to privacy policies we are not always notified by your broker who is giving the gift. It is helpful to email or call the office to notify them of an incoming check and the amount.
- Individual gifts to organizations supported by the church can be donated through the church. Last year over \$30,000 in gifts was donated through the

- church. This allows us to celebrate these gifts together.
- If you want do donate stock talk to your broker. A donation of stock can let you avoid the capital gains on your gift while giving you the full tax-credit for your donation.
  - The church will be open between Christmas and New Years on the following dates **December 27th - 29th 9:00 am - 3:30 pm**. You are welcome to stop by and drop off donations.
  - If you would like to fill out a commitment card for next year they are still available in front of the office door.

## TIME TO SIGN UP TO HELP WITH CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP!

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

**There is also a signup in the Church Office!**

## The Christmas Story: The Musical

King of Glory Lutheran in Loveland invites you to join them in going to see **The Christmas Story: The Musical** at Midtown Arts Center in Fort Collins. It is a Dinner theater so a meal will be included!

Back by popular demand after a record-breaking sold-out run last season! Based on the perennial holiday movie favorite, the story takes place in 1940's Indiana, where a bespectacled boy named Ralphie has a big imagination and even bigger wish for Christmas. A leg lamp, pink bunny pajamas, and a triple-dog-dare are just a few of the obstacles between Ralphie and his Christmas dream. Capturing the seasonal wonder with heartfelt hilarious songs, show-stopping dancing, delicious wit, and a heart of gold, the whole family will love this rollicking holiday musical!

**Where?:** Midtown Arts Center in Fort Collins ([3750 South Mason Street, Fort Collins, CO 80525](#))

**When?:** December 16th at Noon. We might meet at KOG early to organize rides up if need be.

**Cost?:** \$56.54 Cash or Check made out to Ruth Ann Loughry.

**What is included?:** Included is one non-alcoholic drink, dinner, dessert, \$5 of your tip, and the show!

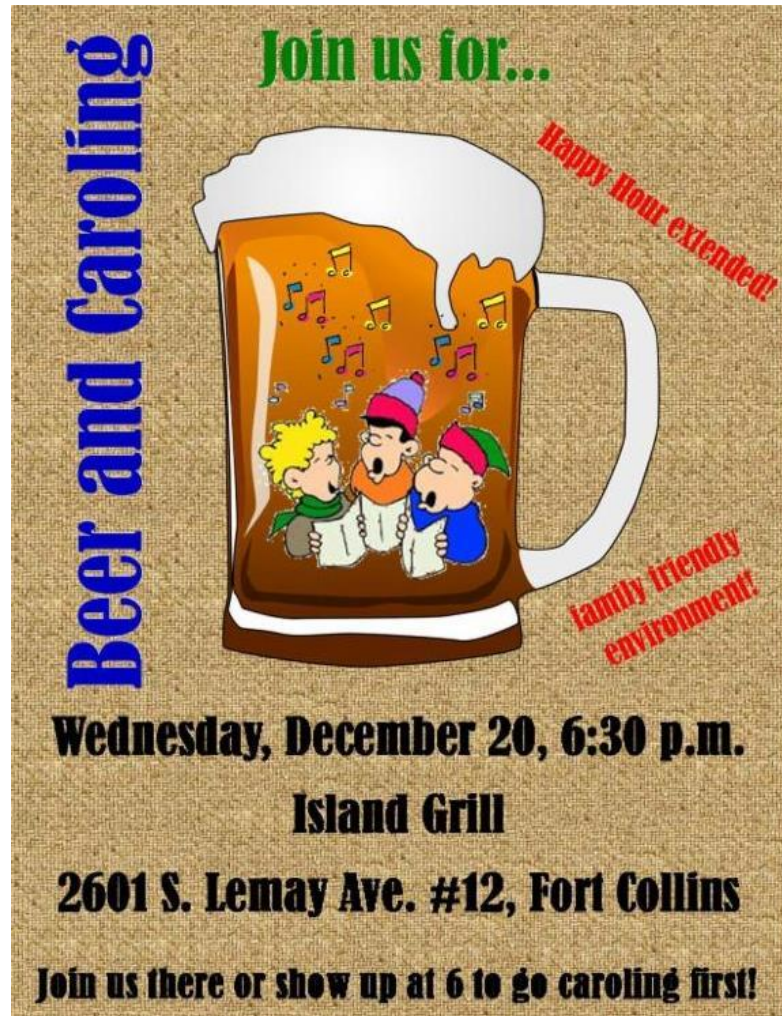
**These are great seats too!**

**To Reserve your seat contact Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry 970-669-5983**

[Ruthann@aplace2grow.org](mailto:Ruthann@aplace2grow.org).

## BEER AND CAROLS @ ISLAND GRILL

Join us at 6:00 pm at OSLC for some pre-caroling!  
Sign up is in the church office!



**Beer and Caroling**

Join us for...

Happy Hour extended!

family friendly environment!

**Wednesday, December 20, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Island Grill**  
**2601 S. Lemay Ave. #12, Fort Collins**

Join us there or show up at 6 to go caroling first!

## CAROLING AND ADVENT CELEBRATION!



Saturday, December 23rd join us at 4:30 pm for Caroling!  
Then after the 5:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer join us for an Advent Celebration

## WINTERFEST



**WINTERFEST**

February 23-25th  
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)

For more information contact Deems and  
Jennifer Hargleroad [dhargler@hotmail.com](mailto:dhargler@hotmail.com) or Pastor Leta  
[leta@our-saviours.org](mailto:leta@our-saviours.org)

## LEARNING

### LEAH CIRCLE

Leah Circle will meet to celebrate Christmas at Barb Slattenow's on Thursday, December 14 at 6 p.m.

### 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: December 21st (Third Thursday due to Holidays)  
at Dungeons & Drafts

## BOOK CLUB

Jan	<b>Hillbilly elegy: a memoir of a family and culture in crisis</b> by J.D. Vance (long hold list at library, audio available on Hoopla)	Diana Hutchinson
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## CHILDREN & FAMILY

### Bible in 52 Weeks



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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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1349603485105413/?sw_fnr_id=1994175596&fnr_t=0)

Contact Naomi with any questions

Here is a link to the December home devotions:

[Bible Stories in a Year Faith Formation Journeys](#)

December Home Stories:

[Story 47-Saul-Paul](#)

[Story 48-Cornelius](#)

[Story 49-Lydia](#)

[Story 50-Philip and the Ethiopian](#)

[Story 51-Body of Christ](#)

[Story 52-Jesus Comes Again](#)

## YOUTH

### FoCoLu EVENTS

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### THIS WEEK'S Events...

- **THIS Wednesday - Confirmation:** Come get credits towards confirmation and learn about the reformation. Confirmation classes are from 6:45-8pm at OUR SAVIOUR'S. Make sure to bring your journal and your copy of the Small Catechism if you have one.

#### Future Events...

- **Sunday December 17th - Christmas Party:** Come spend a night in the lights in Old Town Sunday from 5-7pm. We will meet at Trinity. Christmas Sweaters encouraged!!
- **More Confirmation Events:** Check the FOCOLU website, <http://focolu.org/>, for information on other opportunities to earn credit and to sign-up.

### HIGH SCHOOL

#### THIS WEEK'S Events...

#### THIS Wednesday - Youth Group at TLC

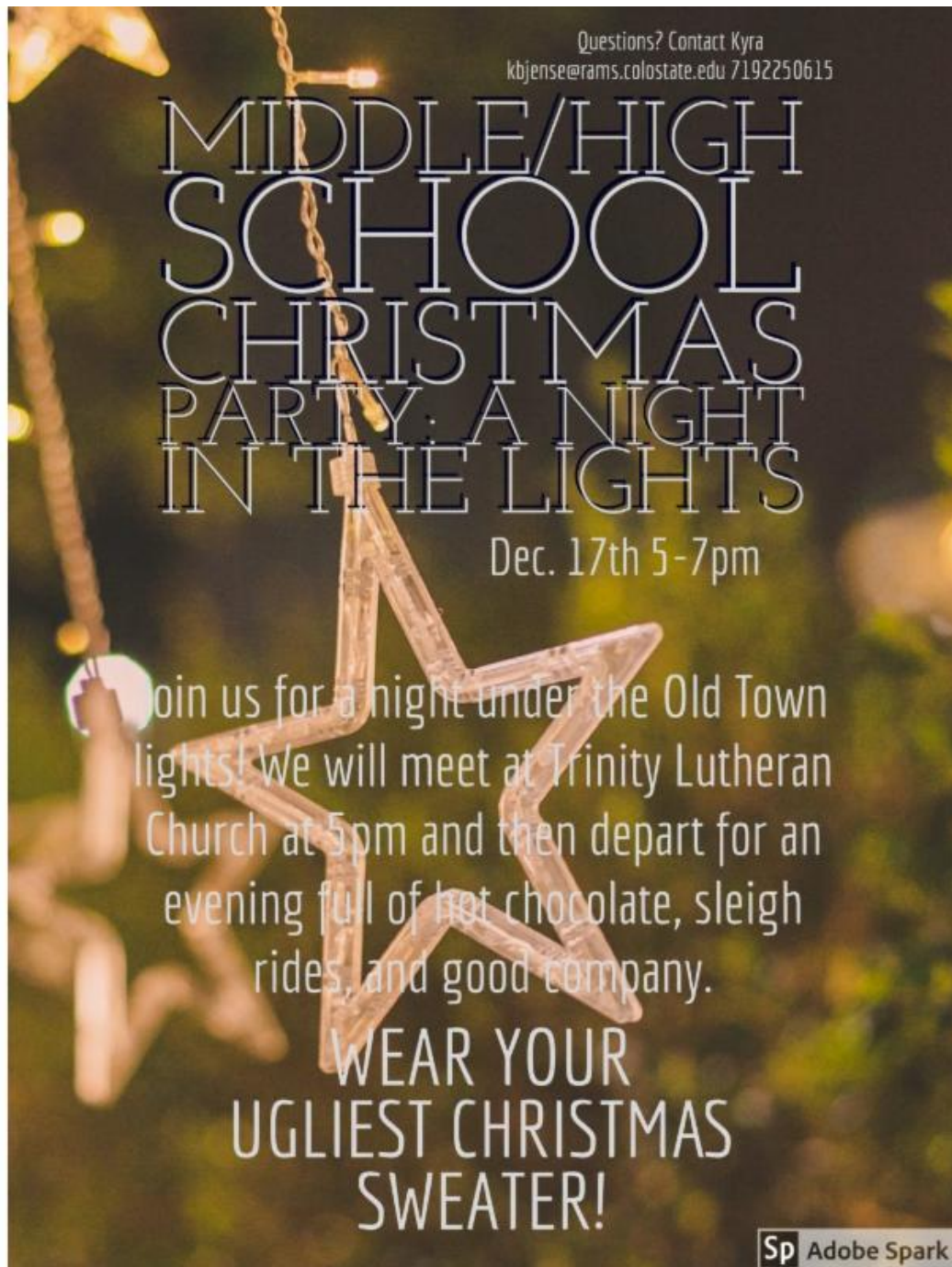
- **SUNDAYS - Sunday School:** High school Sunday school is happening at Our Saviour's. We'll meet in the HS youth room between the services, 9:40-10:20am. Come hang out, eat snacks, and talk about faith.
- **THIS Week- HS Women:** I will drop off some copies of the book *The Red Tent* in the front office. If you are interested in reading the book and joining our bible study, feel free to pick up a copy! We invite you to start reading and familiarizing yourself with the book. We will meet in a few weeks after Christmas to really dive into the text.

#### Future Events...

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[Like us on Facebook!](#)



## SERVICE & GIVING

### GOOD GIFTS ADVENT TREE

Our Advent tree will be on display starting the weekend of December 2/3 and will be available until the weekend of December 16/17. This year, the tree will be filled with **ELCA Good Gifts ornaments** with a variety of animals to purchase for families around the world. An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need.

Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell on the

market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.

Please take one or more ornaments and then please make your donation by writing a **check to OSLC and in the memo line please write ELCA Good Gifts**. You can return your check to the Advent tree table or place it in the collection basket. Advent calendars will also be available for you to have for the Advent season.

We will also have a tree requesting donations of King Soopers gift cards for Putnam Elementary families. You can return the gift cards in an envelope with Putnam Elementary written on the front of the envelope.  
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## BUILDING UPDATES



### Capital Campaign update

as of December 13:

Total received of the first year: \$820,020.81

Total pledged over three years: \$1,635,322

### Building Program Headline News

Final floor plan and site plans complete, design done. Pending final City approval, construction on track to begin around year end.

Please direct any questions to our Building Committee:

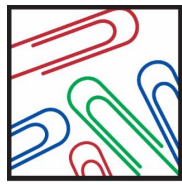
Larry Roesner, chair and owners rep, Pastor Leta Behrens, Pastor Michael Stadtmueller, Bill Brown, Bob Bury, Shelly Carroll, Jim Gjerde, Fred Haberecht, Shelly Kalkowski Ling, Christine Marston, Ken Roper, and Roger Sherman

If you would like to email the team please contact the office.

See more information at <https://our-saviours.org/buildingprogram/>

## OTHER NEWS

### OFFICE NEWS



**Office  
Hours**

**Monday 12 pm - 3:30 pm**

**Tuesday - Friday**

**9 am - 3:30 pm**

**The Office will be closed December  
25th & 26th and January 1st.**

**We need volunteers to help in the  
office December 27 - December 29.**

If you are interested please contact Natalie at [natalie@our-saviours.org](mailto:natalie@our-saviours.org)

There is also a sign-up sheet posted on the office desk.

#### **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REQUESTS**

Have a Church Property Maintenance Request? Fill out this form online:

<https://our-saviours.org/serve/property-maintenance-request/>

or fill out a form in the Church Office.

#### **UPCOMING BELL CONCERTS**

Come watch our Interim Handbell Director and Office Administrator, Natalie Grapes in concert!

Bells of the Rockies ...

# Celebrate Holiday Favorites

December hustle have  
you rushing about?

Give yourself a gift  
of holiday music!



*Sit back, relax—enjoy the sights  
and sounds of Christmas  
at a Bells of the Rockies' concert.*

CONNECTING WITH OUR SYNOD



**Rocky Mountain Synod**

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

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

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

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

<b>Saturday, December 16, 2017</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Terry Rasmussen
<b>Acolyte</b>	Quinn Halvorsen
<b>Sunday, December 17, 2017</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	
<b>Greeters</b>	
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	
<b>Coffee Host</b>	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kaija Kaupang & Rebecca Rehm
<b>Sunday, December 17, 2017</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	
<b>Sound System</b>	

Acolytes	Luke & Norah McDonald
Monday, December 18, 2017	12:00 PM
Offering Tellers	Patty Gold

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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