



## Weekly eNews Announcements

December 6, 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**



**OSLC youth have been hard at work practicing for this year's Christmas Program. Come watch the performance in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30am Worship Service. Then stay for the Luau Luncheon HS Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser.**

**\*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>

Upcoming Events

**UPCOMING EVENTS DURING ADVENT**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

HS Fundraiser Lunch Luau December 10

11:30 am

Kids Night In: Christmas Time December 15th

5:00 pm

FOCOLU Christmas Parties December 17th

Beer and Carols at Island Grill

December 20th 6:30 pm

Neighborhood Caroling December 23rd

4:30 pm

Advent Celebration December 23rd 6:00 pm

## LUAU LUNCHEON CHRISTMAS PROGRAM RECEPTION

Mele Kalikimaka!

All are invited to a Hawaiian Luau Luncheon on December 10th immediately following the 10:30am worship service, which will include the children's Christmas program.

This is a festive sit-down luncheon provided by the High School youth and a great time for fellowship!

A free-will donation will support the 2018 Summer Youth Trip.

There will also be a silent auction with outstanding items and experiences to bid on!



# 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!

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



### POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS ARE NOW READY!

Pick up a form in this weekend's bulletins or in the church office.

Due by December 10th

## 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)

## BEER AND CAROLS @ ISLAND GRILL



**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!**

**SAVE THE DATES: SPECIAL WORSHIP FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

*Christmas Worship*

*Children's Program Message*  
December 10th 10:30 am

*Christmas Cantata*  
December 16th/17th

*Holden Evening Prayer*  
December 23rd 5:30 pm

*Advent Lessons & Carols*  
December 24th 10:00 am

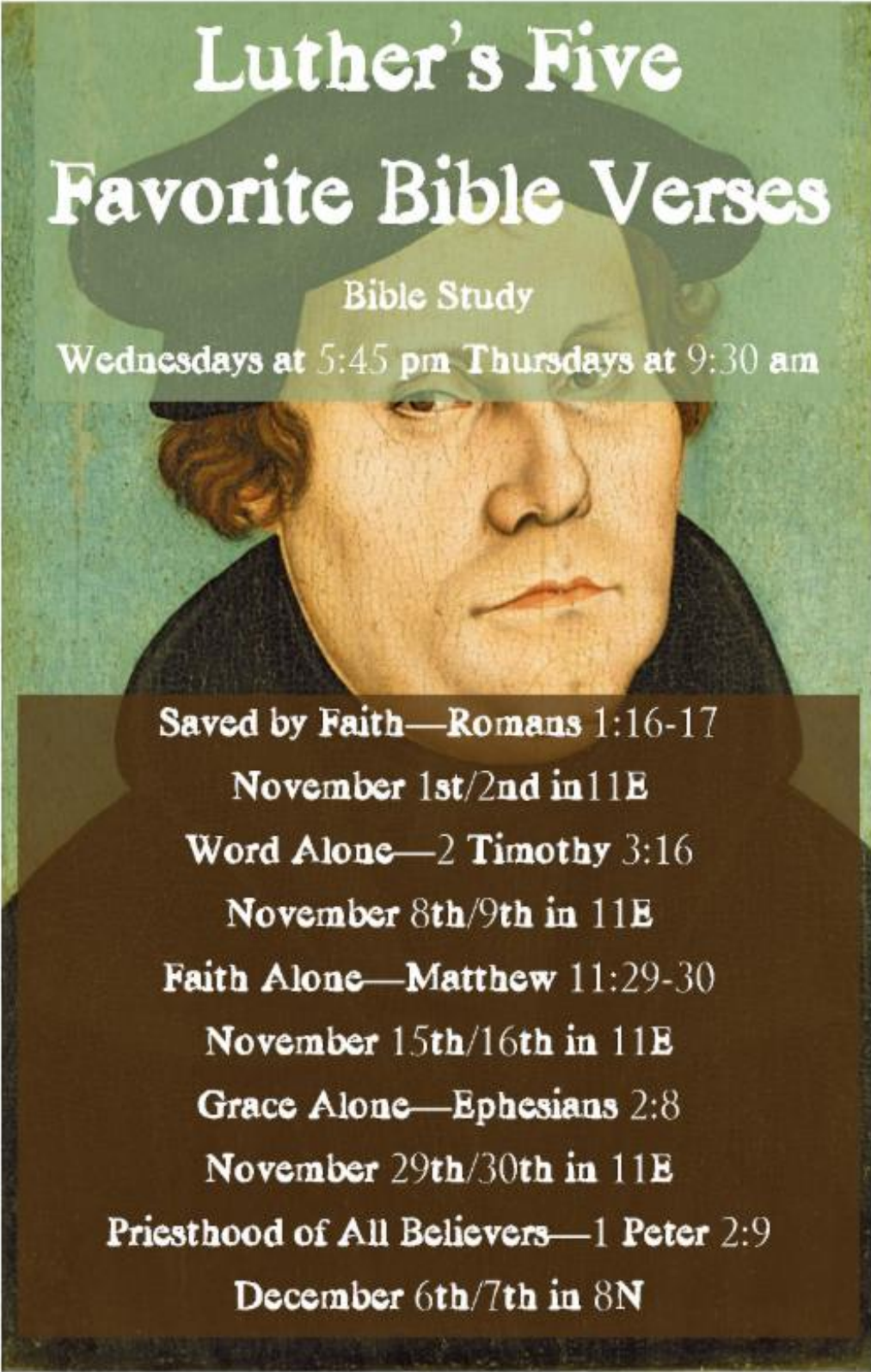
*Christmas Eve*  
Worship with Children's Choirs 3:00 pm  
Worship with Chancel Choir 5:00 pm  
Worship with Bells 7:00 pm  
Worship with Special Music 10:00 pm

*Christmas Day*  
Worship with Communion 10:00 am

*New Year's Weekend*  
Saturday 5:30 pm, Sunday 10:00 am

## LEARNING

FALL BIBLE STUDY

A portrait of Martin Luther, the German theologian, is the background of the poster. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a black cap and a dark, high-collared garment. The background of the portrait is a textured, light green color.

# Luther's Five Favorite Bible Verses

Bible Study

Wednesdays at 5:45 pm Thursdays at 9:30 am

**Saved by Faith—Romans 1:16-17**

**November 1st/2nd in 11E**

**Word Alone—2 Timothy 3:16**

**November 8th/9th in 11E**

**Faith Alone—Matthew 11:29-30**

**November 15th/16th in 11E**

**Grace Alone—Ephesians 2:8**

**November 29th/30th in 11E**

**Priesthood of All Believers—1 Peter 2:9**

**December 6th/7th in 8N**

## 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

**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

Dec 4	<b>A Secret Gift: How one man's kindness-and a trove of letters-revealed the hidden history of the Great Depression</b> by Ted Gup	Suzie Smith
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## CHILDREN & FAMILY

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

Contact Naomi with any questions

Here is a link to the November 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



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**Volunteer to help here:**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094aaea72ea3fe3-luau>

### 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 SAVIOR'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:**  
FoCoLu Youth Group meets at Trinity this Wednesday at 7 pm. We will meet there at 6:45 (OSLC

youth and parents) for a brief planning meeting for the Dec. 10 Luau Luncheon. Please come to this brief session so we will be organized for the Saturday and Sunday shifts.

- **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.

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<http://focolu.org/>



[Like us on Facebook!](#)

Questions? Contact Kyr  
kbjense@rams.colostate.edu 7192250615

# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY: A NIGHT IN THE LIGHTS

Dec. 17th 5-7pm

Join us for a night under the Old Town lights! We will meet at Trinity Lutheran Church at 5pm and then depart for an evening full of hot chocolate, sleigh rides, and good company.

## WEAR YOUR UGLIEST CHRISTMAS SWEATER!

Sp Adobe Spark

## 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 World Hunger**.

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.

## FAITH FAMILY HOSPITALITY

OSLC will be taking a year-long hiatus from hosting FFH families during construction.

We are also collecting lamps, duffle bags, shampoo and conditioner, towel sets, dressers and nightstands for our families being placed in permanent housing. These can be dropped off at the Day Center at 300 East Oak Street (FFH Day Center and Mennonite Fellowship).

## BUILDING UPDATES



**Capital Campaign update**

**as of December 6:**

**Total received of the first year: \$663,716.95**

**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**

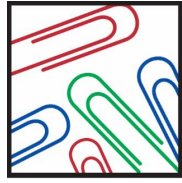
**If you would like to email the team please contact the office.**



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**

**We need volunteers to help in the office December 26 - 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.

### HOMESHARE - An Innovative Housing Solution

Neighbor to Neighbor and the Partnership for Age Friendly Communities in Larimer County are introducing a new and innovative housing program "HomeShare". HomeShare is a housing matching service designed to match homeowners, 55 years and older (home provider) with people looking for an affordable rental (home seeker). Benefits of the program include: safe housing solution for the home provider and home seeker; increased financial capabilities; provide mutual assistance; matching facilitated by Neighbor to Neighbor Housing Counselor; and support provided for a 6 month period after the match. Neighbor to Neighbor will begin to facilitate matches in early 2018. At this time they are building a list of home providers. Brochures are available in the church office on the program. If you are interested in learning more or getting on the list of home providers, please contact Neighbor to Neighbor @ [970-488-2374](tel:970-488-2374); or email: [homeshare@n2n.org](mailto:homeshare@n2n.org).

## **COLD/FLU SEASON**

Cold/flu season is upon us. There is no better prevention than SOAP & WATER by washing your hands. However, there is sanitizer if you aren't near a sink.

## **LUTHERAN CHORALE CONCERTS**

The Lutheran Chorale would like to invite you to join us in celebrating the birth of our Lord. We will be presenting three concerts: one on December 10, 2017 at 3 pm, and two concerts on December 11, 2017 at noon and 3 pm.

**Rejoice! Our Light Has Come** will be performed on Saturday, December 10 at 3 pm at **The Sanctuary, Denver**, 3101 W 31<sup>st</sup> Ave., Denver, CO, 80211. This will be a free concert, with our annual ***Silent auction /Bake sale*** being held prior to the concert with doors opening at 1:30 pm. Please join us for some very special items. Our second **Rejoice! Our Lord Has Come** concert will be held on Sunday, December 11, at 3 pm at **Lutheran Hospital's Chapel of the Good Samaritan**, 8300 W 38<sup>th</sup> Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO, 80033. This will also be a free concert, with a free will offering accepted.

**Joyous Carols of the Season** our third concert will be held on Sunday, December 10, at noon at **Exempla Lutheran Hospital**, 8300 W. 39<sup>th</sup> Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO. We will be singing in the lobby and around the hospital.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Linda Thompson: 303-666-6642, e-mail us at [thelutheranchorage@comcast.net](mailto:thelutheranchorage@comcast.net), or visit our web site at [www.thelutheranchorage.org](http://www.thelutheranchorage.org).

## **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.*

**Sunday, December 17**      **Friday, December 22**  
**at 4 p.m.**      **at 7 p.m.**

Faith United Church of Christ      Rialto Theatre  
1100 Walnut St.      228 E. 4th St.  
Windsor, CO 80550      Loveland, CO 80537

Questions? 970-215-2377

**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 9, 2017</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Lynda Lloyd
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ella Wolf
<b>Sunday, December 10, 2017</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim & Bonnie Shumaker
<b>Greeters</b>	Allison Rogers
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	
<b>Coffee Host</b>	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Leif Tufte & Rebecca Rehm
<b>Sunday, December 10, 2017</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	Cindy Roper

Worship Assistant	
Sound System	
Acolytes	Abby & Benny Duran
Monday, December 11, 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

### Missed the Last Worship Series?



Re\*Formation: Living, Growing, & Walking with Jesus  
Messages are available to listen to online

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



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