



Weekly eNews Announcements

January 31, 2018

"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
8:30am
10:30 am

**God in Flesh Made
Manifest
"Light for the
world to see"**



Memory Verse: Psalm 62:8

"Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God who is a refuge for us."

Wednesday Night Activities
BIBLE STUDY NOW MEETING IN 12/13E

Thank you to the Hutchinsons for bringing dinner!

Upcoming Events

REALM TRAININGS

We have switched our database to an online system that will

allow us to communicate more efficiently as a church.

You will receive an email invite to join realm in the next few days. Please ensure your email is up to date with the church office.

Come learn about our new database and get help setting up!
Bring your phone, tablet or laptop!

February 1st 11:00 am in Sanctuary

February 4th 11:00 am in 12/13E

February 8th 11:00 am in Sanctuary

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS BEGIN ASH WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 14TH)

Our Annual Lenten Soup Suppers will begin Ash Wednesday, February 14th and continue until Holy Week. There is no Soup Supper the Wednesday of Holy Week.

Because of demolition of the kitchen, we are asking that you bring soups and mac and cheees in slow cookers. We will be providing paper soup bowls, paper drinking cups, plastic ware and napkins. We are not having individual groups "host" certain weeks. We are asking the congregation as a whole to pitch in with set-up, bringing soups and clean-up. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex starting the weekend of February 3/4.

Thank you for your help with our soup suppers and for your generosity.

**The recipients of the Soup Supper donations will be shared between
*International Health Partners and the FFH Transitional Housing.***

LCM Sunday Meals

Volunteers are needed to bring meals on Sundays in February and March.
There will be a sign up available this weekend.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

OSLC's Personnel Committee needs new members. We are looking for one or two new people to join

our committee. The committee oversees and works with the church's paid staff. The time commitment is small most of the year. We meet every 4-6 weeks. Personnel/HR experience helps but isn't necessary. If you are interested, please contact Melanie Reed (Committee Chair) or another committee member -Ed Bender, Rob Petterson, John Rowland, or Pastor Leta. Melanie's contact information is: email - freierreed@msn.com; phone 970 482-6163; cell phone 970 217-1165.

LAST CALL FOR STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING

Stephen Ministry training will begin February 22nd and continue each Thursday through May. If anyone is hearing God's call to be a Stephen Minister, please contact Jo Thompson, 206-9917 or Sharon Petersen, 206-0937.

WINTER DINNERS ARE BACK!



winter dinner gatherings

FOR OSLC "RETIREES/SENIORS"

SIGN UP WITH
JANICE SKINNER 970-206-0116
MARTY LARSEN 970-484-6033
OR
MARTY@MARTHALARSEN.COM

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DINNERS
FEB 11, 18, 25 AT 3:00 PM

LENT MENTORS NEEDED

What is Mentoring? Faith mentoring for Lent is accompanying a youth through a study and getting to know them, offering your faith journey and praying alongside them. This year the study is on the Lord's Prayer. You will be provided with a study guide. 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!

What is the commitment? Meet with a middle school youth a total of 6 times between February 11 and April 4th. This year, many of the youth will be putting on a play about the parables on February 11th at Spirit of Joy. We are combining this play with the mentor training and first

session with your youth. The rest of the sessions will be at your own time and pace throughout Lent.

We will have a final wrap up session together on April 4th as well. Here is the schedule:

February 11th:

- 2:30pm: Training session for mentors at Spirit of Joy. This will be lead by Pastor Leta from OSLC.
- 3:30: Parables Play--see your mentee in action!
- Meet your youth and session one February 11th: 4:30 (after the play)

Between February 11-April 4: Meet one on one or in pair groups (another mentor and mentee group) for 4 sessions (30ish minutes each). We suggest meeting for soup supper dinner and going to worship together. You can choose a time that is mutually agreeable with the student and his/her parents.

April 4th: 6:45 Celebration! Final session and wrap up with mentors/mentees

Sign up at [this link](#) or by contacting Pastor Leta (leta@our-saviours.org)

WINTERFEST

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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 or Pastor Leta
leta@our-saviours.org

Wisdom of the Story

Women's Retreat 2018

Estes Park

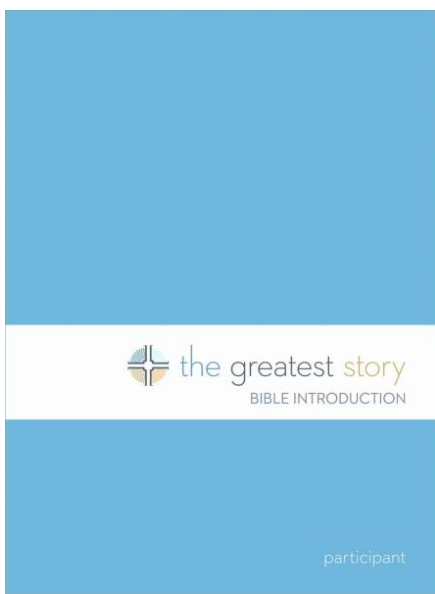
April 6-8th

Register Online at our-saviours.org

REGISTER HERE: <https://our-saviours.org/2018/01/24/wisdom-story-womens-retreat-2018/>

LEARNING

BIBLE STUDY



The Greatest Story Bible Study begins January 10th at 5:45, January 11th at 9:30 and online January 12th. We will begin with Genesis and work our way through the Bible, the first five weeks take us from Genesis through Daniel. You can pick up a book in the office or they will be out in the narthex starting January 6th. Join the online facebook group at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/500349777001562/>

THEOLOGY PUB



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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: January 25th 6:00 pm at Horse and Dragon Brewery

LISTEN TO THE SERMONS HERE!

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

BOOK CLUB

Feb 5	<i>Without You, There is No Us: my time with the sons of North Korea's elite</i> by Suki Kim (you can get it through Prospector)	Anita Bleem
March 5	Born a Crime by Trevor Noah	Christine Butler

CHILDREN & FAMILY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School!

- [9:40 AM Sunday School - High School in 4W](#)
- [9:40 AM Sunday School - Middle School in 7N](#)
- [9:40 AM Sunday School Preschool - 5th Grade in 12E](#)

YOUTH

FoCoLu EVENTS



MIDDLE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK'S Events...

- **THIS Wednesday - Confirmation:** Come get credits towards confirmation. If you are interested in theater please join us as we explore the parables and create our own productions. Confirmation classes are from 6:45-8pm at SOJ. Make sure to bring your journal!
- **Book Club - Walk Two Moons:** You are invited to join the google classroom Book Club! Go to your google classroom and use this code: t6vq5n8 to join. We will have online class for the month of February and then meet together on Saturday February 24th at 9:30am for our final discussion. Contact Pastor Leta at leta@our-saviours.org for questions or more information.

Future Events...

- **Sunday February 11th - Parable Performance:** We invite parents, families, friends, and church members to come celebrate the efforts of our confirmation youth! The youth will be performing their adaptations of the parables at 3:30pm at SOJ.
- **February 25th - Fly High:** We will be spending an evening at Fly High from 6-8pm! Meet at Fly High. Cost is \$10.
- **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:** Join us for High School youth group. We'll check-in, play games, and spend time together. We meet from 7-8:15pm at SOJ.
- **THIS Sunday - Sunday School:** High School Sunday School is starting back up in the new year! I hope to see you all between services in our NEW LOCATION 4W.
- **THIS Week- HS Women:** I dropped 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....

- **February 23-24th - Overnight Winter Retreat:** We will be gathering together in Granby and enjoying winter time activities. We'll meet at 4:30pm on Friday at TLC and pick up will be at TLC at 7pm Saturday. *Cost is \$40.* Please email me if you are interested in joining us!

Lent Mentoring will return this year! Sign up here!
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094aaea72ea3fe3-lent1>

<http://focolu.org/>



[Like us on Facebook!](#)

SERVICE & GIVING

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank the congregation for supporting me on my

service learning trip to Costa Rica.

Through your generous donations I was able
to raise \$700 towards my trip.

I am back now safely and your prayers were felt.

Love,
Ella Wolf

JOIN A VILLAGE! HELP A HOMELESS FAMILY!

We are seeking 8-9 volunteers to support and mentor two homeless families through Homeless Gear's One Village One Family program. Three OSLC villages have already completed their work--thank you!

- **Come and hear Diane Matthews, OVOF's new coordinator**, during the adult ed. hour on Sunday, **Feb. 18**.
- Our own Faith Family Hospitality is one of the organizations that refer families to OVOF. Now, while FFH is not hosting because of our church construction project, would be a great time to join in this outreach.
- If you can offer financial support, please make out your check to OSLC and put OVOF on the memo line.

God bless you for helping! Questions? Madelyn Mihm,
mbmihm@comcast.net.

ONE VILLAGE ONE FAMILY / FFH GIFTING

Our gifting program has provided kitchen items for
14 families in 2017 and **our second family in 2018!!**

Thank you to everyone who has donated items to keep out supply closets stocked.

Our current need is for 2 quart sauce pans

Gently used cookware is welcome.

If you choose to purchase, Big Lots and Walmart have good prices.



BUILDING UPDATES



Capital Campaign update

Total received as of January 31st: \$1,021,202.74

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

Building Program Headline News

Demolition has begun!

- All approvals received from the City of Fort Collins
- Demolition in preparation for construction has begun in the kitchen and in the east side education/administration wing.
- Interior Design committee is selecting flooring, bath, and kitchen materials, in addition to appliances.
- West side construction will come later, but impacted trees on the west side will likely come down sooner, to avoid removing trees during bird nesting season.
- Management and oversight of the construction process is ongoing through the Building Team.
- Resolutions regarding building construction and financing have been presented and approved at the Annual Meeting on January 28.

We ask that you remain flexible with us as we undergo this exciting renovation to the education side of our building.

We ask that you please park on the **SOUTH or EAST** (furthest away from building) side of the parking lot if you are meeting here during the day. We will have very limited parking available on the North side and are keeping that clear for Preschool Pick-up and Drop-Off.

We have NO kitchen as it is in our first set of renovations. We will still continue to have coffee and will be using paper products temporarily.

If you are trying to access the Sanctuary, Narthex, Fellowship Hall, Music Room, or 12/13E: You will use the Southeast Entrance by the Church Office.

If you are trying to access Preschool, 3W, 4W, 5W or 7N: You will have to use the Northwest Entrance (across from the playground) as there is **no interior access** to this side of the building from the South. You will have to walk through the parking lot to get to the door. We will have plenty of signs posted.

There are bathrooms located on the West Side for groups to use. We apologize for this temporary inconvenience.

We ask that you please abide by ALL posted signs and instructions for safety purposes.

Most construction noise will happen between the hours of 6:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Again, thank you for your understanding, patience, and cooperation as we improve our building.

Please direct any questions to our Building Committee:

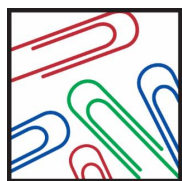
Larry Roesner, chair and owners rep, Pastor Leta Behrens, Pastor Michael Stadtmueller, Bill Brown, Bob Bury, Shelly Carroll, Jim Gjerde, Fred Haberecht, Shelly Kalkowski Ling, Christine Marston, Ken Roper, and Roger Sherman

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

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

End of Year Contribution Statements are being sent out tomorrow.

If you would like your statement sooner, please inform Natalie in the office and she can email it or have you pick it up in the office.

ELCA ADVOCACY ACTION ALERT



ELCA Advocacy is a way that we can lift our voices together to urge our representatives to support issues that reflect our Christian faith.

This week, Lutheran leaders from across the country are meeting with members of Congress and their staff in Washington, D.C. to urge Congress to support a strong 2018 Farm Bill. You can support their efforts here: [ELCA Advocacy - 2018 Farm Bill](#)

At this ELCA web site you can also sign up to get these "action alerts" sent directly to your e-mail inbox.

CONNECTING WITH OUR SYNOD



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

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

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, February 3, 2018	5:30 PM
Usher/Greeter	Craig & Heather Skinner
Worship Assistant	Terry Rasmussen
Sound System	
Acolyte	Zack Skinner
Sunday, February 4, 2018	8:30 AM
Greeters	Anita & John Bleem
Ushers	Gregg & Kathleen Schmidtke
Worship Assistant	Melanie Reed

Coffee Host	Christine Butler
Sound System	
Acolytes	Brandon Asmus & Aspen Haboush
Sunday, February 4, 2018	10:30 AM
Greeter/Usher	
Worship Assistant	
Sound System	
Acolytes	Brian Hutchinson & John Behrens
Monday, February 5, 2018	9:30 AM
Offering Tellers	Marva Nass

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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