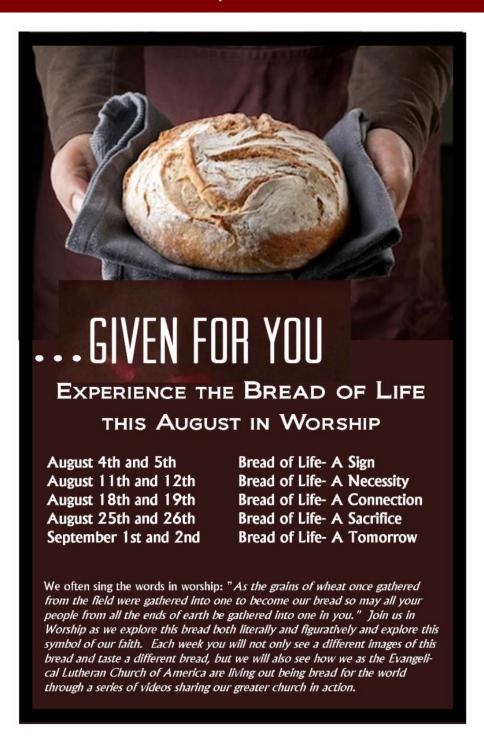


## Weekly eNews Announcements

August 28, 2018

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

## Worship This Week



This Weekend: Saturday Worship 5:30pm

Sunday Worship 8:30am 10:30 am

## **Devotion:**

Bread of Life: A Sacrifice--

This is my body given to you. This week we consider the sacrifice of Jesus. Sacrifice in the first century was a ritual regularly used in worship. Animals would be sacrificed on altars to God not only by the ancient Hebrews, but by many different religions. In Christ Jesus the altar of sacrifice became a table of thanksgiving. The bread was not our sacrifice to God, but God's gift to us through God's love.

## Find the full devotional booklet online here

## LISTEN TO THE PAST SERMONS HERE:

Bread of Life: A Sign August 5
Bread of Life: A Necessity August 12

Bread of Life: A Connection August 19
Bread of Life: A Sacrifice August 26

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

## **Upcoming Events**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES START IN SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS RETURNING SEPTEMBER 5

5:00-6:30 Dinner Served

5:00-6:00 Bells

5:30-7:00 Nursery Open

5:30-5:50 Cherub Choir in West Classroom 5

5:45-7:00 Adult Bible Study in Conference Room

6:00-6:45 Alleluia Choir in Music Room 6:00-7:00 Windstrings

6:30-7:30 Confirmation in North Meeting Room 7:00-8:30 Chancel Choir TBD High School Youth

# INTERESTED IN MUSIC? JOIN ONE OF OUR TALENTED GROUPS!

#### Adult Chancel Choir:

Meets on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 in the sanctuary from September through May.

Anyone with a passion for singing is welcome!

Contact Sheri McKelfresh at sheri@our-saviours.org for details.

#### Adult Bell Choir:

Please consider lending your hand and musical talents to our Handbell Choir, open to interested musicians High School - Adult. The Handbell Choir meets every Wednesday from 5:00-6:00 in the Sanctuary.

Contact Marlys Oetken at marlys@our-saviours.org

## Windstrings:

If you play an instrument - string, woodwind, or brass, there is a spot waiting for you in our Windstrings Ensemble. This group is open to beginning and accomplished musicians. They accompany all liturgy and service music when they lead worship. Rehearsals are from 6:00-7:00, every Wednesday evening, in the Sanctuary.

Contact Crystal Kerr crystal@our-saviours.org

#### **Brass:**

The Our Saviour's Brass regularly plays in worship services once a month and rehearses every other Thursday evening at 7:15 pm.

Contact Charlie Spillman charlie@our-saviours.org

#### Celebration Band:

The Our Saviour's Celebration Band is a talented mix of instrumental and vocal musicians who currently lead our contemporary worship service on the second Sunday of each month. There is always room for extra drummers, bassists, guitarists, and other instrumentalists, as well as vocals. Our contemporary liturgical service routinely uses portions of local musician, Steve Eulberg's "Christ Is Our Peace" service of Holy Communion.

Contact Carrie Stadtmueller carrie@our-saviours.org

### Cherub Choir:

Preschool - Kindergarten meet from 6-6:20 on Wednesday Nights September-May.

Contact Carrie Stadtmueller carrie@our-saviours.org

#### Alleluia Choir:

1st - 5th graders meet on Wednesday nights in the music room from 6:30-7:00, September through May.

Contact Carrie Stadtmueller carrie@our-saviours.org

#### Jubilate Choir:

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to join in the fun! We will meet once/twice a month from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm on the following Sundays - September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9, December 19, February 10, March 31, and April 17.

Contact Carrie Stadtmueller carrie@our-saviours.org

#### Youth Chime Choir:

The Youth Chime Choir is open to youth starting fourth grade. Prior musical experience is helpful, but not necessary. Children in this choir will learn to ring hand chimes. Rehearsals will focus on learning to read music, developing ringing techniques and preparing for participation in the liturgy throughout the year. Our rehearsals will be Sundays from 11:55am - 12:40pm.

Contact Natalie Grapes at <a href="mailto:natalie@our-saviours.org">natalie@our-saviours.org</a>

## SAVE THE DATE: RALLY DAY!

We'd love to fill our Ministry Fair with the vibrant ministries of our church! If you'd like to have a table at the Ministry Fair, please contact Natalie at natalie@our-saviours.org



OSLC's Annual Rally Day Celebration is Coming!

It's time to celebrate the continuing of fun this Fall!

Please come to meet our ministries and join their teams, Meet and Greet Sunday School Teachers, have a blast with awesome games and activities put on by the nursery staff, and to share in fellowship of a BBQ meal provided by Thrivent Financial!

New Comers & Old Comers, Visitors & Guests,
Children & Teens, Young Adults & Old Adults . . .
We want to see you all!!

#### Schedule of Events:

8:30am Worship

9:40am Ministry Fair and Sunday School Meet & Greet

10:30am Worship

11:30am Barbeque Lunch and Fun Activities

## NORTH COLORADO CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 21 Our Savior's, Greeley, 2 to 5 p.m.

A team of the rostered minister/s and 4 to 6 congregational leaders from every

congregation will meet together this fall throughout the Rocky Mountain Synod.

"I believe with all my heart that we are Better Together as Christ's Church.

While it goes against everything in our current age of individualism to suggest that we need each other, it is part and parcel of our gospel life to engage deeply with one another. Five years ago we began inviting leaders in each of our conferences to meet together for fall "Missional Gatherings" to build relationships, to learn, to network, and to strengthen our ministry-together.

This year we will gather face to face to talk about money and the church. This isn't a presentation about stewardship campaigns or financial policy. It's foundational conversation about our beliefs and habits with respect to money: how and why we keep it, spend it, share it." - Bishop Jim Gonia

Talk with your congregation council president or pastor to be included in your congregation's team of attendees. Register at least five days in advance for the summit you plan to attend. Each attendee should register with his/her own email so that we can send advance reminders.

## **LEARNING**

#### **ADULT BIBLE STUDIES**

Join us on Wednesdays at 5:45PM or Thursdays at 9:30 to dig into scripture. Join any or all of the sections. Starting in September you can pick up a devotion book to supplement our class that connects with worship as well.

Sept 9-30 - A Faith that Works (James)

October 7 - 28 - The Upside-Down Kingdom (Mark 10)

November 4 - 25 The Beatitudes

December 2 - January 13 Living "In Between" (Luke)

December 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM Island Grill - Beer and Carols!

HEARING FOR DRAFT SOCIAL STATEMENT: "WOMEN & JUSTICE: ONE IN CHRIST"

Join us on September 20th at 7:00 pm!

A hearing on the "Women and Justice: One in Christ" Draft Social Statement will be held September 20th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

You will need a copy of the social statement in front of you as we will be addressing the language, intent and interpretation of specific sections and lines of the draft social statement. You can find the draft here: <a href="http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice/Draft">http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice/Draft</a>.

#### **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: September 27th at TBD** 

#### **OSLC BOOK CLUB**

All are welcome at the OSLC Book Club. Read some new books, make connections with interesting people, and enjoy lively discussions.

We meet the first Monday of each month, 7-8:30 pm.

If you have a good book to recommend, would like to host a meeting, or have any questions please contact Diana Hutchinson.

## **Upcoming Schedule:**

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Date	Book - Author	Hostess
Sep 3	Eight Flavors: the untold stories of American	Diana Hutchinson
	cuisine by Sarah Lohman (also on Hoopla)	
Oct 1	The ship of brides: a novel by Jojo Moyes	Wanda Knauer &
		Robin (meet at OSLC)
Nov 5	A Gentleman in Moscow by Armor Towles	Karen Wulff
Dec 3	Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader	
	Ginsburg by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik	

## **CHILDREN, FAMILY & YOUTH**



SCHOOL

# @ OSLC 2018-2019

Grow your child's faith with lessons, love and learning!
Help OSLC youth thrive by volunteering to support a class!

We are looking forward to a <u>wonderful</u> Sunday School season with new experiences and a new time for your child to attend. All children preschool to high school will engage with their peers and build faith in our community with innovative lessons and curriculum.

Classes are held Sunday Mornings 9:30-10:15am
At the end of worship, children and teachers will leave during the final hymn, gather in the Narthex to receive the blessing and then head to the classrooms to join their peers from 9:30 to 10:00.
Snacks/Drinks will be provided in the classrooms. The children will engage in lessons that are designed to provide a spark, an inspiration, and a reminder of the Spirit of God. Students get picked up in the fellowship hall at 10:15am.
Sign your student up to have a blast at Sunday School!
All children are welcome and encouraged to come!

Register Now: <a href="https://vbspro.events/p/events/oslcsundayschool">https://vbspro.events/p/events/oslcsundayschool</a> or on a paper registration form in the office (This is important to help us know numbers so we can prepare our teachers and materials - Thanks!)

Our Students will meet in the following groups:

Preschool (Ages 3-5) *Frolic* in the Preschool Classrooms Kindergarten & First Grade *Whirl* in West Classroom 3 Second & Third Grades *Whirl* in West Classroom 5 Fourth & Fifth Grades *Whirl* in West Classroom 7 Middle School in East Lounge High School in Conference Room

## **Upcoming Important Education Dates:**

September 5<sup>th</sup>: First day of Choirs and Dinner September 9<sup>th</sup>: RALLY DAY!!!

Meet teachers, visit classrooms, & fun activities!

September 16<sup>th</sup>: First Day of Sunday School

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS



**CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION** Congratulations! You are getting ready to affirm your baptismal faith and it's time to celebration! All youth being confirmed this fall and their families are invited to a dessert reception and celebration on September 15th! We will have a variety of desserts and a fun program for you that night! Just let us know how many to expect! RSVP here: <a href="http://evite.me/Jzc7gq2CBX">http://evite.me/Jzc7gq2CBX</a>

# **SERVICE & GIVING**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER HELP NEEDED



We need your help with our Wednesday Night Dinners! We are looking for people to host dinner on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:30. (Set up earlier) Sign up to host a meal this fall and be an amazing gift to our Wednesday Night Fellowship. Pick your favorite meal to make and serve for ~75 people.

Sign up on our paper sign up sheet in the office or contact the office (natalie@our-saviours.org 970-484-3133).

Please contact the office with any questions!

We need 2 changing tables in good condition and of small to moderate size for the west wing bathrooms.

If you can donate these, please contact natalie@our-saviours.org

#### **VOLUNTEER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Volunteer to support the children of OSLC with their faith journey! We need your help to work with the children of OSLC to grow in their faith and engage youth with Bible stories, prayers, songs, and blessings. We need two to three lead teachers to work together to teach the lessons and work with different grade level groupings to connect and build faith with the children. You only have to commit to one or two Sundays a month! Each month there will be three regular Sunday School classes that follow a well-designed curriculum with easy to follow lessons and materials. You will work with your team of teachers to arrange a schedule with one or two Sundays a month from September through April. One Sunday a month we will have a Service Project for the entire congregation. Sunday School will not meet during scheduled school breaks that include Thanksgiving, Winter Break, and Spring Break. We will conclude all Sunday School classes the last week of April and May is already planned with celebrations for our congregation.

## Sign Up to Volunteer

**Now:** <a href="https://vbspro.events/p/events/oslcsundayschool">https://vbspro.events/p/events/oslcsundayschool</a> or on a paper registration form in the office

## Offering of Letters - "For Such a Time as This"

As we continue in the "Bread of Life" sermon series and view the video stories of the many ways that ELCA World Hunger works to fight hunger in our communities around the world, we encourage you to take action and fight hunger by writing letters to our government representatives. This year's Bread for the World Offering of Letters campaign is "For Such a Time as This". Just as Esther was called to be an advocate with the king of Persia for her threatened people, we are called to raise our voices to urge our leaders

in Congress to protect people who struggle with hunger. This weekend, we will be writing letters urging our representatives to reauthorize the Global Food Security Act (S.2269) and to pass the Senate version of the Farm Bill that protects SNAP benefits. Be sure to stop by the table before or after worship to learn more and to sign your letters!

## **Supporting Refugee Families**

Our synod is supporting congregations and ministries at the border as they help to reunite families. Donations are needed to support Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services as well as Cristo Rey, a congregation in El Paso.

You can donate to OSLC with <u>Border Services</u> in the memo and we will send it on to the Rocky Mountain Synod fund.

If you wish to have more information regarding *Border Ministry Resources*: <a href="https://www.rmselca.org/immigration">https://www.rmselca.org/immigration</a>.

## **Faith-Based Organizations:**

- Borderlinks (link is external)
   Travel seminars focusing on issues of US/Mexico border communities; faith-based binational education program based in Tucson, AZ
- <u>Cristo Rey Border Immersions (link is external)</u>
   Border immersion and education in El Paso, TX and Juarez,
   Mexico, sister cities on the Rio Grande
- Humane Borders (link is external)
   Provides water stations on and near border, founded by Rev. Robin Hoover, Tucson
- <u>Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (link is external)</u>
   Develops service programs and organizations and influences public policy around the globe
  - AMMPARO (link is external)

    Accompanies migrant children and families in the courtroom

#### **FAITH FAMILY HOSPITALITY**



 $\dots$  supporting families from homelessness to self-sufficiency

Faith Family Hospitality will have an overnight program training this month on Sunday, September 16 (location TBA) from 1-2:30 pm. Please join us if you have not yet been able to do so, or if you would like more information about FFH in general.

The FFH Donation Task Force is in need of the following gently-used items: queen and twin beds, dressers, dining tables and chairs.

Though we are on a year-long break from serving families due to construction, you can still get involved by getting on the Back Up Volunteer List. This list is used when volunteer positions cannot be filled at any one of the 31 churches who help participate in this program.

Please call Jodi Loecke if you have any questions at (970)371-5345.

#### ONE VILLAGE ONE FAMILY GIFTING

Our gifting program has provided kitchen items for 13 families in 2018.

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

Our current need is for silverware organizers

Big Lots is a great place to find inexpensive ones



(Want to help, but don't like to shop? Donations gladly accepted in the office.)

#### **NEWS FROM KISS**



### Hello everyone!

This past month, KISS orchestrated the move of two donated pianos, one to Windsong Memory Care in Fort Collins and one to Sugar Valley Estates in Loveland. At this time, we are serving 16 facilities in the Northern Colorado area. Let me know if you'd like to volunteer for any programs. Lemay Rehab in Fort Collins, Columbine Commons in Windsor, and Collinwood in Fort Collins seem to be where volunteers are needed most.

Thank you again for all you do for the KISS program and the seniors it serves.

Love and Peace,

#### Kendra

## September Program Schedule

Wednesday, September 5 - Stepping Stones Adult Day Program - Loveland - 2:00 p.m. Monday, September 10 - Sugar Valley Estates - Loveland - 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 12- MacKenzie Place Memory Care - Fort Collins - 1:30 p.m. Friday, September 14 - Good Samaritan Independent - Loveland 9:00 a.m. Friday, September 14 - Good Samaritan Assisted - Loveland 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 14 - Columbine Commons - Windsor - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 18 - Windsong Memory Care - Fort Collins - 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, September 18 - Peaks Care Center - Longmont - 2:30 p.m..
Wednesday, September 19 - Lemay Rehab - Fort Collins - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, September 19 - Brookdale Memory Care - Fort Collins - 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 20 - Brookdale Marianna Buttes - Loveland - 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, September 20 - Collinwood - Fort Collins - 2:30 pm.
Monday, September 24 - Parkwood Estates - Fort Collins - 2 p.m.
Tuesday, September 25 -Brookdale Assisted Living - Fort Collins - 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 27 - The Suites - Fort Collins - 3:30 p.m.
Friday, September 28 - Meadow View - Greeley - 2 p.m.

## **BUILDING UPDATES**



Capital Campaign Update
Total received as of August 27: \$1,187,527.56
Total pledged over three years: \$1,635,322

**Building Program Headline News** 

See more information at <a href="https://our-saviours.org/buildingprogram/">https://our-saviours.org/buildingprogram/</a>

## Playground and New Look from Lemay

The dry wall has been hung in the expanded narthex, the new main bathrooms, and the new music room. As the expanded nursery is being built, the nursery will be relocated to the preschool room. The back of the sanctuary has been prepared for the installation of new doors which allow for more opening of the sanctuary into the narthex when needed. The temporary wall between the sanctuary entrance and the narthex construction will come down, replaced by a barricade. Externally, the new walls on the west side have been covered with stone and brick, giving our building a new attractive look facing Lemay Ave. On that same west side, the new expanded playground has been built and fenced in the shade of the trees, and fun new playground equipment installed. The narthex remains inaccessible, and the Fellowship Hall, kitchen, classrooms and offices are connected to the Sanctuary only by an outside route.

Building renovation and expansion will continue for most of this year.

For your safety, please abide by ALL posted signs and instructions.

## **OTHER NEWS**

#### **OFFICE NEWS**



Monday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

# The Office will be Closed on Monday, September 3rd.

#### **MOTORCOACH TRIP IN DECEMBER**

Join us for a motorcoach Christmas Holiday Show Extravaganza in Branson from December 2 to 8, 2018.

It includes "Samson" at the Sight and Sound Theatre and "Showboat" are just two of the great seven shows along with lodging and 10 meals. All for \$669. Call Glenda at 970-226-1203 or go to www.GroupTrips.com/

Contact Glenda for more information.

#### **CONNECTING WITH OUR SYNOD**



The weekly Synod newsletter can be found at the following link: <a href="http://rmselca.org/email-newsletter-archive">http://rmselca.org/email-newsletter-archive</a>

#### **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

Saturday, September 1, 2018	5:30 PM
Greeters/Usher	

Worship Assistant	Lynda Lloyd	
Sound System		
Acolyte	Claudia Giebler	
Sunday, September 2, 2018	8:30 AM	
Greeters		
Ushers		
Worship Assistant	Eva Sue Littleton	
Sound System		
Acolytes	Ben Freeman	
Coffee Host	Bill & Tomo Kozakewich	
Sunday, September 2, 2018	10:30 AM	
Greeters/Usher		
Worship Assistant		
Sound System		
Acolytes	Kaija Kaupang & Adam Bajcsi	
Tuesday, September 4, 2018	9:30 AM	
Offering Tellers		
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## Below are options to volunteer:

1. Realm

2. Our Saviour's Website: Click HERE

3. Call the office: 970-484-3133



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