



Our Saviour's LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 27, 2018

WEEKLY eNEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS



WORSHIP THIS WEEK

ADVENT 1

SATURDAY 5:30 PM

SUNDAY 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Education 9:40-10:15AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/oslcsundayschool>

Listen to the Past Sermons Here:

[The Kingdom](#)

[Led to Righteousness](#)

[Commitment Sunday](#)

[Blessed are the Poor in Spirit](#)

**Advent Begins!
Worship Series:
Living In-Between**

**Hanging of the Greens:
November 28th 4-6 pm
Meet in the Narthex**

Dinner Served During
Decorate for the Advent and Christmas
Season!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

5:00 - 6:30 Dinner Served

5:00 - 6:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal

5:30-7:00 Nursery Open

5:30-5:50 Cherub Choir

5:45 - 7:00 Adult Bible Study

6:00 - 6:45 Alleluia Choir

6:00 - 7:00 Windstrings

6:30 - 7:30 Confirmation

7:00 - 8:30 Chancel Choir

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4
pm

Friday 9 am - 12 pm

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Total Received as of Nov.
26th:

\$ 1,319,387.85

Total Pledged over Three
Years:

\$1,635,322 (2017 - 2019)

UPCOMING EVENTS

HANGING OF THE GREENS

November 28th 4-6 pm

Meet in the Narthex - Dinner Served During
Decorate for the Christmas and Advent Season!

PRESCHOOL CRAFT FAIR & FLEA MARKET

Join us December 1st 9:00 am - 3:00 pm for our
annual craft fair.

We are now accepting items until November
29th. Items may be brought to the North
Meeting Room.

KIDS NIGHT IN

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December 7th from 5-9 pm

**Join our nursery staff for
Christmas games and activities,
dinner and a movie!**

**Sign up by sending an email to Katie or Sophia
with Kids' name(s), age(s),
and any allergies or other special information
Contact: Katie@our-saviours.org or
Sophia@our-saviours.org to sign up
or for more information**



WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL

Join us December 8th after the 5:30 pm worship service for wine, cheese, and snacks.

ITS TIME TO ORDER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Look for the order forms in your weekly bulletins. They are also available in the narthex and church office.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND HIGH SCHOOL LUAU LUNCH

Join us December 16th at 10:30 am for the Children's Christmas Program and then after the service we will have the High School Luau Lunch fundraiser!

Mele Kalikimaka! All are invited to a Hawaiian Luau Lunch on December 16 immediately following the 10:30 worship service, which will include the children's Christmas program . This is a festive sit-down lunch provided by the senior high youth and a great time for fellowship! A free-will donation will support the 2019 Summer Youth Trip.

Warm Wishes & Mele Kalikimaka

Join us for a *Hawaiian Luau Lunch*

December 16

*Following the 10:30 Worship Service Featuring
the Children's Christmas Program*

Hosted by the High School Youth

*A free will donation will support the
2019 Summer Youth Trip*



ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

ADVENT

Events & Activities

advent festival

Nov. 25th
9:30 - 10:15 am
All Ages!
OSLC

high school christmas party

Dec. 1st
4:00 pm
LuMin

kids night in

Dec. 7th
5 - 9 pm
RSVP:
katie@our-saviours.org

christmas carols

Dec. 12th
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Families Welcome!

middle school christmas party

Dec. 15th
7 - 10 pm
Spirit of Joy

childrens christmas program

Dec. 16th
10:30 am
carrie@our-saviours.org

high school luau lunch fundraiser

Dec. 16th
11:30 am
OSLC

beer and carols

Dec. 19th
6:30 pm
Island Grill

christmas cantata

Dec. 22nd 5:30 pm
Dec. 23rd
8:30 and 10:30 am

christmas eve worship

3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm

christmas day worship

10:00 am

BEER AND CAROLS

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**WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 19TH
6:30 PM
ISLAND GRILL**



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christmas Worship

Children's Program

December 16th 10:30 am

HIGH SCHOOL LUAU LUNCH FUNDRAISER

December 16th 11:30 am

Christmas Cantata

December 22nd 5:30 pm/23rd 8:30 & 10:30 am

Christmas Eve Candlelight

3:00 pm Worship with Youth Choirs

5:00 pm Worship with Bells

7:00 pm Worship with Chancel Choir

10:00 pm Worship with Special Music

Christmas Day

10:00 am Worship with Favorite Hymns

New Years Weekend

Saturday 5:30 pm, Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am

To request more information: natalie@our-saviours.org

LEARNING

BUILDING COMMUNITY TO FIGHT
ISOLATION

LARIMER COUNTY - TOUGH TALKS SERIES
Building Community to Fight Isolation

**Wednesday, November 28th
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
2000 S Lemay Ave, Fort Collins, 80525**

Join us as we engage and empower our community to fight isolation and build connections.

We will be speaking with four expert panelists with diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

We'll explore everything from resources available to build community to the benefits of spending time alone. It will be a personal and communal experience.

Our expert panelists:

Gloria Luong, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Colorado State University

Anna Von Dreele, MSW, Care Manager, Columbine Health Systems

Cheryl Brinker, Queen of Events, Mirasol Senior Living Community

Dr. Jim Green, M.Ed. LPC

Lunch and vibrant conversation!



If you plan on attending, we would love to hear from you.

Call 970-412-9396 or email office@alittlehelp.org



A LITTLE HELP

Connecting neighbors to help seniors thrive

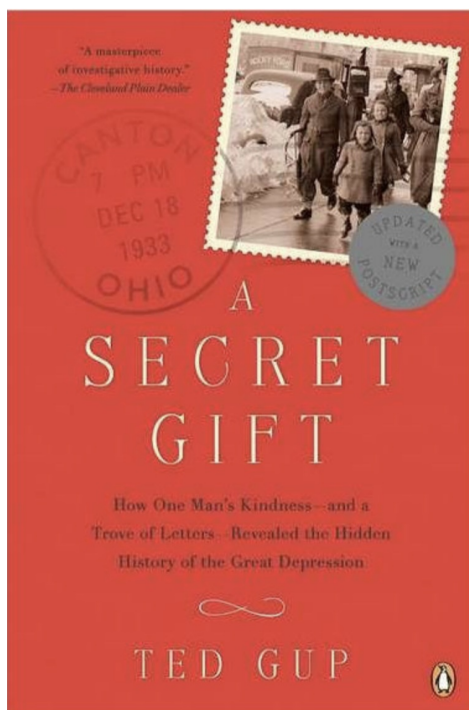
ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Join us on Wednesdays at 5:45PM or Thursdays at 9:30 to dig into scripture. Join any or all of the sections.

God on the Move Devotional Books for 2018-2019 are available in the office and in the worship space. Pick yours up today

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

OSLC LIBRARY - ADDITIONS & REVIEWS



A Secret Gift: How an Act of Kindness Revealed Hidden Lives of the Great Depression

by **Ted Gup**

OSLC Location: 977.162/Gup

An inspiring account of America at its worst - and Americans at their best - woven from the stories of Depression-era families who were helped by gifts from the author's generous and secretive grandfather. Shortly before Christmas 1933, in Depression-scarred Canton, Ohio, a small newspaper ad offered \$10, no strings attached, to 75 families in

distress. Interested readers were asked to submit letters describing their hardships to a benefactor calling himself Mr. B. Virdot. The author's grandfather, Sam Stone, was inspired to place this ad and assist his fellow Cantonians as they prepared for the cruelest Christmas most of them would ever witness.

But as he uncovered the suffering and triumphs of dozens of strangers, Gup also learned that Sam Stone was far more complex than the lovable retiree persona he'd always shown his grandson. Gup unearths deeply buried details about Sam's life - from his impoverished, abusive upbringing to felonious efforts to hide his immigrant origins from U.S. officials - that help explain why he felt such a strong affinity to strangers in need.

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: November 29 at the Hop Grenade Taproom

HOLY LAND TRIP 2019



**November
19-29, 2019**
Pastor. Michael Stadtmueller

**HOLY
LAND**

\$3490.00 From Denver, CO
Package Price Includes:
All-inclusive accommodations.
Round-trip airfare.
3-Day Jordan Extension \$650

For more info:
OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
2000 South Lemay Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80525
(970) 484-3133

Photo: MyWall.com

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 Anita Bleem or Sue Sumner.

Upcoming Schedule:

December 3rd - Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg by Irin Carmon & Shana Knizhnik
Hosted by Ruth Brown

CHILDREN, FAMILY, & YOUTH

Rehearsals for the Christmas Program have begun!

Contact carrie@our-saviours.org with any questions

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

MISSION TO HOPE WALK:

December 8th at 7:30 am at the Catholic Charities Mission for a mile walk.

Collect donations of winter gear to carry with us on our walk (coats, hats, gloves, blankets, sleeping bags, socks).

Register by November 30th here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/BeNOkMdSQz4roggp1>

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING

January 19-21 Estes Park, CO

Who, Me?

Join us for a retreat in the mountains to explore your calling and live your faith!

Click here to watch the promotional video! <https://vimeo.com/286798776>

Psalm 139 Romans 12:2-7 Ephesians 4:1-6 Matthew 22:36-40

Separate tracks for middle school and high school students

Music, speakers, workshops, activities, and more!

Cost \$200 - Due to OSLC

Register by November 28 here: <https://goo.gl/forms/F3f4Dc2FUS3c4Vni2>

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HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS!

ALL I
WANT FOR
CHRISTMAS
IS YOU

FoCoLu High School
Christmas Party

December 1st 4:00pm

@ LuMin (800 S. Shields St.)

With Cookie Decorating, Christmas Carols,
and a celebration of this jolly season.
Bring an unwanted household item for a
white elephant gift exchange!

HIGH SCHOOL EL PASO TRIP



JUNE 16-
JUNE 22

SUMMER 2019 YOUTH SERVICE TRIP

Open to Youth who have completed the 8th grade and older !

Leading Vacation Bible School at Peace Lutheran

Border Education with Cristo Rey:

- Time with a Family in a colonia
- Meals & Activities with Local Children & Families
- Learning from Border Control, Immigration Lawyers, and other local agencies

Time in El Paso and Juarez

Total Trip Cost: \$350 per person and fundraising participation

REGISTER at www.our-saviours.org/learn/high-school-youth/

Contact Pastor Leta at leta@our-saviours.org/
970-484-3133



www.our-saviours.org/learn/high-school-youth/

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS!

Advent Maker Space: We will have some fun in advent with projects on Wednesdays that center around celebrating the Advent and Christmas Season. Come and help make back drops for the Christmas program and make other items for the season. November 28 and December 5 from 6-7:30. On December 12th we will go caroling! Come from

5:30-7:30. Families welcome!

Middle School Christmas Party with FoCoLu--
Saturday December 15th from 7pm-10pm at SOJ!
RSVP to Leslie Olsen leslie@our-saviours.org



FoCoLu
Middle School
Christmas
Party!

Join us for a fun evening
of cookie-decorating and
movie-watching.

Where: Spirit of Joy

When: Sat., December 15th
7-10pm

Questions? Email Kyra!
kyrajensen110@gmail.com

Sp Adobe Spark

SERVICE & GIVING

**MISSION TO HOPE WALK - DONATIONS
NEEDED BY THIS WEEKEND!**

"Mission to Hope Walk" to benefit Homeward Alliance and the

Murphy Center is coming soon - Saturday, December 8th! The 0.8 mile walk begins at 8 a.m. from Catholic Charities, 460 Linden Center Dr.

Walkers (including our middle schoolers) will wear backpacks provided by a grant from Thrivent Financial and NEED YOUR DONATIONS to stuff with gear and deliver to the Murphy Center. Here is the list (gently used is OK):

blankets
non-perishable food items
hats
backpacks
gloves
sleeping bags & pads
socks
sweat shirts & pants
tarps
small tents
coats
hand-warmers
footwear
long underwear

No time to shop? Support our walkers with your \$\$ - Visit the table in the narthex to sign up to walk or sign up to sponsor. Questions? Call or e-mail Beth DeHaven: 417-860-9303 or bethadehaven@gmail.com.

HABITAT HOME DEDICATION

OSLC/FOCOLU Sponsored Habitat Homes will be Dedicated on Sunday, December 16. Aaron and Andi Taylor's home will be dedicated at 1 pm and at 2 pm (across the street) Munawar and Rebecca Masih's home will be dedicated. OSLC has been important in financially supporting these two home builds, and volunteer crews from our church have helped physically to build both homes. Parking is available either at Harmony Cottages (SE corner of Harmony and Taft Hill Roads) or at the ReStore (4001 S Taft Hill Rd). If you would like to bring a non-perishable food item, we will use it to stock the food pantries of each home. Please join us in these home celebrations.

GOOD GIFTS TREE



Starting the weekend of December 1st through December 16th, Outside Our Walls will have our ELCA Good Gifts tree displayed in the narthex. You will have the opportunity of purchasing chicks, honeybees, pigs, and goats as gifts. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good. Please make your check payable to: OSLC with ELCA Good Gifts on the memo line. You will receive an ornament commemorating your gift that can be used for your tree or for those to whom you are giving this gift. A bulletin insert provides more information and other animals that you may wish to purchase. There is also a coloring page on the back for children. Thank you for your generosity.

OSLC/FOCOLU Habitat Build Trip to Jordan

Next year from November 8-16, 2019, please consider helping a poor family in Jordan obtain a decent and secure place to live. We are now organizing a team of volunteers from OSLC and the other FOCOLU churches to participate in this adventure. Jordan, located next to Israel, is an ancient country considered to be an important part of the cradle of Western civilization. In addition to helping a family in need, this trip will provide opportunities to learn first-hand more about Islam and what daily life is like for people living in a Muslim country. Cultural opportunities are planned to help us to better understand Middle Eastern life. In terms of food, the

Jordanian cuisine is considered one of the best in the region. **The timing of this trip is designed to come just before the FOCOLU Holy Land Tour that is currently being planned, so that those building a home in Jordan can join the Holy Land Tour and extend their educational and cultural opportunities.** An informational meeting on the Jordan Build will be held on Monday, January 14. Please let Jerry Freier or Melanie Reed know if you are interested in participating in this adventure (970-482-6163 or freierreed@msn.com).

FAITH FAMILY HOSPITALITY



faith family hospitality
... supporting families from homelessness to self-sufficiency

Faith Family Hospitality is getting ready to gear up after a year hiatus. Our first host week will begin Sunday, January 27. If you would like to learn about volunteer opportunities or get involved please call coordinators, Angie Asmus, at (970)646-2134, or Jodi Loecke at (970)371-5345. We will also host an FFH Overnight Program Training at OSLC on January 13 from 1-2:30.

In the weeks approaching Christmas, please grab an ornament off the FFH Gift Card Tree in the Narthex. Bring back a gift card for King Soopers or Safeway, where our families will be able to go to get gas or groceries. THANK YOU!!!

ONE VILLAGE ONE FAMILY

One Village One Family Gifting is in need of volunteers to sew the cloth pouches for rice packs that are given to formerly homeless families as they move into their new home. Rice packs can be microwaved or frozen and are very inexpensive



substitutes for electric heating pads. The sewing is very easy. Please contact the OSLC office or Wanda Knauer if you have a little time to sew.

ONE VILLAGE ONE FAMILY



Thank you to everyone who has donated items to keep our supply closets stocked to allow us to give kitchen goods to families moving into their first home after being homeless. **We just gifted our 15th family this year!** Our current need is for **cookie sheets**. Big Lots and Walmart have these at good prices; Bed, Bath, & Beyond sell a 3 pack for \$10. Gently used cookie sheets are also welcome.

OTHER NEWS

REMINDER: 'TIS THE SEASON

Flu and Cold Season is approaching fast. Please remember the best defense against them, is good hand-washing with soap and water. Our Pastors and Worship Assistants always wash their hands prior to serving communion. The sanitizer is a temporary stop-gap, but not a replacement. (Coughing and sneezing into your elbow is also helpful in keeping your hands clean.) And don't forget your flu shots as well.

Stay well!
Peg & Marlys
Your Faith Community Nurses

LUTHERAN CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Lutheran Chorale would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and an invitation to join us for our Christmas concert on Sunday, December 9,

2018. We will be starting with "Caroling for our Lord." At 1 pm in the lobby of Lutheran Hospital, 8300 W 38th Avenue, Wheat Ridge. We will be gathering around the piano and singing many of our favorite carols and hymns. Please join us in singing.

At 3 pm we will be moving to the Chapel of the Good Samaritan also on the Lutheran Hospital Campus, at the northeast corner of the hospital's North Pavilion. "The Miracle of our Lord" ,includes many new and old pieces which celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Our next concert will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1701 W. Caley Avenue, Littleton at 7:30 pm.

We do not sell tickets for our concerts but we will accept a free will donation. Please contact David Peterson, 303-210-9428, email us at TheLutheranChorale@comcast.net, or visit our website at thelutheranchorale.org

BELLS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Come watch our Office Administrator, Natalie, perform with the FPC Chancel Bell Choir (donations from the event benefit the Murphy Center) and the auditioned community handbell ensemble, Bells of the Rockies!

First Presbyterian Church
presents
Music with a Mission

The 33rd Annual
**BELLS
OF
CHRISTMAS**
A Holiday Tradition
benefitting
the Murphy Center for Hope

featuring
Chancel Bell Choir
Joe McConathy, Organ
Alice Crawford, Hammered Dulcimer
and the Exquisite Brass Quintet

**December 2, 2018
at 7:00 PM**
First Presbyterian Church
531 S. College Avenue
Fort Collins

presented by
First Presbyterian
Church
firstpresfc.org
(970)482-6107

ADMISSION IS FREE
A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Murphy Center
for Hope in support of individuals and families who are
homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in Larimer County.

For more info:

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HAVE
YOURSELF A
merry
little
Christmas

with
Bells of the Rockies
as they perform

**Ring We Now
of Christmas**

Let your heart be light
as you surround yourself
with the delightful sights
and sounds handbells
bring to this season.
We hope you find joy and
peace as you join us for
our Concerts:

**Sunday, December 16
at 4 p.m.**
Faith United Church of Christ
1020 Walnut St.
Windsor, CO 80550
www.belloftherockies.org

**Friday, December 21
at 7 p.m.**
Rialto Theatre
228 E. 4th St.
Loveland, CO 80537
Questions? 970-215-2377

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Below are options to volunteer:

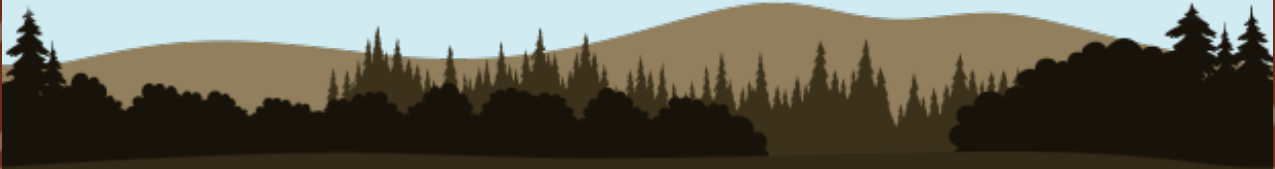
1. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094ba8ab2daa8->

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2. Our Saviour's Website: Click **HERE**

3. Call the office: 970-484-3133

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| 12/01/2018 (Sat.) | 5:30pm | <p>Usher/Greeter (2)</p> <p>Arrive 30 minutes early</p> <p>Worship Assistant</p> <p>Arrive 30 minutes early</p> <p>Sound Board</p> <p>Arrive 30 minutes early. Contact: Jonathan Marston</p> <p>Acolyte</p> <p>Middle School Students are acolytes through the confirmation program. Arrive 15 minutes early. Contact: Linda Bury</p> | <p>Sign Up </p> <p>Erik Thompson</p> <p>Sign Up </p> <p>Claudia Giebler</p> |
| 12/02/2018 (Sun.) | 8:30am | <p>Greeter</p> <p>Arrive 30 minutes early</p> <p>Usher (2)</p> <p>Arrive 30 minutes early</p> <p>Worship Assistant</p> <p>Arrive 30 minutes early</p> <p>Sound Board</p> <p>Arrive 30 minutes early. Contact: Jonathan Marston</p> <p>Coffee Host</p> <p>Coffee hosts are needed to make coffee, set up, serve, and clean up. Preparation time takes 45-60 minutes.</p> <p>Acolyte (2)</p> <p>Middle School Students are acolytes through the confirmation program. Arrive 15 minutes early. Contact: Linda Bury</p> | <p>Sign Up </p> <p>All slots filled</p> <p>John and Susan Rowland (2)</p> <p>Sign Up </p> <p>Sign Up </p> <p>Suzie & Richard Meadows</p> <p>All slots filled</p> <p>Braden Asmus</p> <p>Ben Freeman</p> |
| | 10:30am | <p>Usher/Greeter (2)</p> <p>Arrive 30 minutes early</p> <p>Worship Assistant</p> <p>Arrive 30 minutes early</p> <p>Sound Board</p> <p>Arrive 30 minutes early. Contact: Jonathan Marston</p> <p>Acolyte (2)</p> <p>Middle School Students are acolytes through the confirmation program. Arrive 15 minutes early. Contact: Linda Bury</p> | <p>Sign Up </p> <p>Sign Up </p> <p>Sign Up </p> <p>All slots filled</p> <p>Norah & Leah McDonald (2)</p> |



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