



OUR SAVIOURS LUTHERAN CHURCH

DEC, JAN, FEB 2019

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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



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REGULAR WEEKLY WORSHIP

SATURDAY

5:30 PM

SUNDAY

8:30 am & 10:30 am

BEEK AND CAROLS

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



COATS, COATS, AND MORE COATS

A concern raised with the new building is the loss of our coat room. We did lose our large coat room, but it has been replaced with four different coat closets located around the church. We have not lost any space but have provided more options as our building size increased. Three of them are located in the Narthex with two of them in the area next to the Nursery and the third being the far West Closet by the Patio and music room. There is also a coat closet off of the fellowship hall by the Northeast Entrance. It is on the east side by the door where you enter the East Meeting Room. Please be aware of where each of these coat rooms are, so you can help others to find them too.

Mission to Hope Walk – THANK YOU!

for Homeward Alliance & Murphy Center

We Helped Our Neighbors
to Stay Warm this Winter!

#LIVEGENEROUSLY

HANDS & HEARTS ON A MISSION

JOIN THE MOVEMENT: [THRIVENT.COM/ACTIONTEAM](https://thrivent.com/actionteam)

- **Thrivent Financial** for providing a \$250 grant to buy backpacks
- **OSLC & FOCOLU** walkers who carried the stuffed backpacks
- **Everyone** who donated dollars & warm gear



A NOTE FROM THE PASTORS

Blessings to you this Christmas!

We can relate to the Innkeeper in the Christmas story as sometimes we find ourselves entering the story as ones that have no more room for Jesus. It's not that we don't want to have room, we just find we're too full. As our culture demands more of your time, more of your money, more of your focus it is easy to ignore the Grace of the Christ Child. We have valid excuses like the innkeeper. As we consider our lives in Christ perhaps we can remind ourselves of who we are, and whose we are. There will be times we remain overwhelmed by the pressures of our world, but perhaps we can respond to the knock at our door and make room for Grace. Grace will come whether you respond to that knock or not, but by responding you can be touched by the face of Christ.



44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' Matthew 25:44-45

As we look at all of our building improvements we are reminded of the Innkeeper's part of the Christmas story. We hope that Our Saviour's Lutheran Church can always be a place that makes room for those in need in our world. Our church exists for God's purpose more than our purpose. This means that we must always be mindful that the face of God is often on the outside trying to get in, and not simply in the places that we view as holy rooms. As we continue to strive to be a partner with multiple other charities in our world, we are mindful of how we can connect to them, how we can be a conduit to them. We are mindful that our building is a gift to God in our community.

We are thankful for these relationships, and thankful for you who spend so much time in connecting to our church and these other organizations that share Christ Jesus. If you are looking for a connection point in our community or beyond with some of the organizations we support, we would love to help you make those connections. Please look at all the opportunities that are brought forth through Outside our Walls. We hope you have a blessed Christmas. May your lives share grace and peace to the world.

In Christ,

Pastor Leta Behrens and Pastor Michael Stadtmueller

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We have about \$400,000 in committed dollars still outstanding, but pledged for our Capital Campaign as we enter the third year of the campaign. We have taken out a loan of \$1,200,000 through the Mission Investment Fund, and have about \$100,000 left in estimated expenses. This means that after our pledges have come in at the end of 2019 we should have a loan of \$900,000 or less.

We are grateful for the additional gifts that have come in to get us to this point. Those gifts that were either pledged above commitments or are coming from members who did not pledge but gave a gift have totaled over \$125,000. We are grateful for all of you who have made gifts over and above your original commitments. Continued gifts will be used to pay down the debt and reduce our monthly payments.

We remind you that you can call the office to check on how you are doing in completing your pledges.

ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 27TH



The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held January 27th at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Annual Reports will be available beginning January 13th.



November
19-29, 2019

Pastor. Michael Stadtmueller

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

HOLY LAND

For more info:
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PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHT

DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM USA

-DEPART USA

DAY 2 ARRIVAL, TIBERIAS

-ARRIVE IN TEL AVIV, MEET YOUR GUIDE, DRIVE TO TIBERIAS VIA COASTAL PLAINS

-DINNER AND OVERNIGHT AT HOTEL IN TIBERIAS

DAY 3 NAZARETH, CANA, MOUNT TABOR

-MOUNT TABOR, CANA OF GALILEE

-NAZARETH, BASILICA OF THE ANNUNCIATION, ST. JOSEPHS CHURCH, MARYS WELL

-DINNER AND OVERNIGHT AT HOTEL IN TIBERIAS

DAY 4 GOLAN HEIGHTS, SEA OF GALILEE

-CAESAREA PHILIPPI

-TABGHA, SITE OF THE MULTIPLICATION OF THE FISHES AND THE LOAVES

-THE MOUNT OF BEATITUDES, COMMUNION AT THE MOUNT OF MULTIPLICATION

-ENJOY A MEAL OF ST. PETERS FISH AND BOAT RIDE ON THE SEA OF GALILEE

-ST. PETERS PRIMACY, CAPERNAUM

-BETHSAIDA

-DINNER AND OVERNIGHT AT HOTEL IN TIBERIAS

DAY 6 DEAD SEA AREA/ JORDAN VALLEY

-ST. GEORGE OF CHOZIBA MONASTERY. VIEW OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN INN

-MASADA

-QUMRAN, SITE OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

-DEAD SEA

-JERICHO, OLD CITY AND VIEW MOUNT OF TEMPTATION

-JORDAN RIVER

-DINNER AND OVERNIGHT AT IN BETHLEHEM

DAY 7 BETHLEHEM

-WORSHIP AT REDEEMER CHURCH IN JERUSALEM

-VISIT WITH THE LOCAL LUTHERAN COMMUNITY IN THE HOLY LAND

-SHEPHERDS FIELD IN BEIT SAHOUR

-THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

-DINNER AND OVERNIGHT AT IN BETHLEHEM

DAY 8 MOUNT OF OLIVES/MOUNT ZION

-VISIT AUGUSTA VICTORIA, MEET WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE OF LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

-PANORAMIC VIEW FROM THE TOP OF MOUNT OF OLIVES

-GARDEN TOMB

-ASCENSION HILL ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, THE CHURCH OF PATER NOSTER,

DOMINUS FLEVIT

-THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE AND THE CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS. MT. ZION

AND THE CENACLE.

-DINNER AND OVERNIGHT AT IN BETHLEHEM

DAY 9 OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM

-THE WESTERN WALL AND THE TEMPLE MOUNT, VIEW OF THE DOME OF THE ROCK

AND EL-AQSA MOSQUE

-ST. ANNES CHURCH, POOLS OF BETHESDA. WALK THE VIA DOLOROSA

-CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER

-CITY OF DAVID, HEZEKIAHS TUNNEL

-HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

-FREE TIME IN THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM (IF TIME PERMITTED)

-DINNER AND OVERNIGHT AT HOTEL IN BETHLEHEM

DAY 10 DEPARTURE OR JORDAN EXTENSION

-CHECK OUT, DEPART HOTEL FOR YOUR FLIGHT HOME OR

-CHECK OUT, DEPART HOTEL FOR JORDAN

-VISIT BETHANY BEYOND THE JORDAN

-VISIT MOUNT NEBO, MADABA

-DINNER AND OVERNIGHT IN PETRA

DAY 11 PETRA, AMMAN

-FULL DAY VISITS TO PETRA

-DRIVE TO AMMAN

-DINNER AND OVERNIGHT IN AMMAN

DAY 12 AMMAN JERASH

-VISIT CITY OF AMMAN

-VISIT JERASH

-DINNER AND OVERNIGHT IN AMMAN

DAY 13 ARRIVE USA

-CHECK OUT, DEPART FOR AIRPORT

-WE WILL ARRIVE BACK IN THE USA THE SAME DAY

*WHILE WE DO OUR VERY BEST TO MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS IN THE ITINERARY ARE INCLUDED, THERE ARE

TIMES WHEN CONDITIONS BEYOND OUR CONTROL AFFECT THE PROGRAM.

END OF YEAR GIVING

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. We want to remind you that for tax purposes all gifts need to be in before the end of the year. The office will remain open between Christmas and New Years during regular business hours on the following dates December 26th - 28th and December 31st. You are welcome to stop by and drop off donations.

*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 the 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 church office to notify of an incoming check and the amount.

*Individual gifts to organizations supported by the church can be donated through the church.

*If you want to 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.

*If you would like to fill out a commitment card for next year they are still available in the narthex.

OFFICE *hours*

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

DEC. 25TH—CHRISTMAS DAY

JAN. 1ST—NEW YEARS DAY

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

MON.—THURS. 9 AM—4 PM

FRIDAY 9 AM—12 PM

Office

volunteers

needed

DECEMBER 26TH & DECEMBER 27TH

PLEASE EMAIL NATALIE AT

[NATALIE@OUR-SAVIOURS.ORG](mailto:natalie@our-saviours.org)

IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE.

GUSTAVUS JAZZ ORCHESTRA



The **Gustavus Jazz Ensemble** is the premiere 21-piece concert jazz ensemble at Gustavus Adolphus College. In addition to fall and spring concerts and on-campus appearances, the group tours annually. In the past, the band has toured the Midwest extensively, as well as extended tours to the West Coast and a southern tour to New Orleans in 1998.

Concert Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00 pm at OSLC

We are looking for a coordinator for this event to help provide them a simple dinner and assist with getting host families matched up with their students. We are also looking for host families for that night to take the students overnight, provide breakfast, and return them to OSLC in the morning. Students need to be housed in groups in multiples of 2 (so 2, 4, 6, 8, etc.) Please contact Natalie Grapes (natalie@our-saviours.org) or Pastor Leta (leta@our-saviours.org) to volunteer for either need. Help us be a blessing to these young people who are sharing their gifts!

NEWS FROM HABITAT

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.

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).

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



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**



UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS:

Saturday, January 26th- Ice Skating at EPIC from 5-7pm. Why shouldn't you tell jokes while ice skating? Because the ice might crack up! Meet at Eldora Pool and Ice Center for a night of skating fun (but no jokes). Cost is \$8, bring your HS Student ID for a discount!

Wednesday, January 30th - HS Youth Group at OSLC at 6:30pm. We're starting Youth Group back up in 2019. See you in the New Year!

A WORD FROM LUMIN (LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY)

“That’s what’s so powerful about the ministry here at LuMin. We realize that the Holy Spirit is poured out upon all people, and that we are moved through the world to spread God’s love.” This was said by Keith Evenson who graduated from Colorado State University as an Electrical Engineer this past spring. Just six days before receiving his diploma he was the student preacher on the Day of Pentecost at our Sunday night worship.

He said that one of the major gifts of the ministry was the people who made up the assembly at worship and Sunday supper. He identified some of those who sat next to him over his four years. “Gay and straight, those who don’t speak English, senior citizens and college age students, those with disabilities, NRA members, adults with a salary and family along side of homeless people, Lutherans, Catholics, Buddhists, Agnostics, one time visitors and the closest of friends... people I’ve cried with at funerals, and then laughed with in the car the next week as I was trying to learn the riffs to Uptown Funk.” Keith went on to say, “The people I just listed, they’re not people you could find at every church. But they should be.” He goes on to say, “The whole point of Pentecost is that it takes all kinds of people to make the church work.”

At Lutheran Campus Ministry in Fort Collins we post everywhere, “ALL ARE WELCOME!” We do not mean all Lutheran students, but ALL PEOPLE. That is a key ingredient in sending our students into the world as apostles. At LuMin we are clear that we are about the business of equipping apostles. We are a resurrection people that proclaim the mission and message of Jesus. Campus ministry students experience God’s love so that they can speak and be God’s love in the world...to all people.

We are working to conclude a \$50,000 fundraising effort to update bathrooms, kitchen, and living spaces while adding showers and laundry. This will both put us in a position to care for the students who come to the ministry, but also as a future goal of providing support for homeless college students using our building several days a week as a drop-in center. We know that there are students who can attend this land-grant institution, but they can not afford the high cost of rent in Fort Collins. Students are “couch-surfing” or trying to live out of cars. We have a plan to support these students using the asset of our building. (More information can be found on our website). We are a ministry of APOSTLES striving to care for ALL.

The concluding words of Keith’s sermon addressed the community. “You all challenged me to be a better apostle every day. Find out how you wanna spread God’s love. You’re an apostle! Go into the world, and share God’s love with it. Meet someone where they’re at and appreciate your time in this amazing community of apostles. Amen.”

Merry Christmas and thank you for your ongoing support!

God’s Peace,
Pastor Paul
Lutheran Campus Ministry—CSU

we wish

you a

merry

christmas

Epiphany Party January 7th 9:40 am

