

OUR SAVIOURS LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH, APRIL, MAY 2019

# THE SIGNAL



In our church right now at OSLC...

Someone is pregnant and hopeful.  
Someone hopes to be pregnant and is discouraged.  
Someone is passionate and motivated to respond to our world in need.  
Someone is apathetic and dealing with depression.  
Someone is excited about tomorrow.  
Someone hopes things never change today.  
Someone is excited by the prospects of their new role.  
Someone is overwhelmed by their day to day schedule.  
Someone is thoughtfully and prayerfully considering the “next step” in their relationship.  
Someone is thoughtfully and prayerfully reflecting on end of life issues.  
Someone is not getting enough sleep at night because of their new born baby.  
Someone is waking up in the middle of the night terrified by their diagnosis of cancer.  
Someone has grown in their faith as the Holy Spirit led them to a moment of insight.  
Someone has been doubting their faith in God altogether.  
Someone is laughing about great coincidences.  
Someone is angry about unfair circumstances.  
Someone is planning an exciting journey.  
Someone is stuck and unsure how to get unstuck.  
Someone wishes they could be here with you at OSLC.  
Someone wishes they could get a fresh start somewhere else in the world where no one knows them.  
Some of these have nothing in common.  
All of them are here with you regularly in our community  
Many things separate us.  
One thing unites us. The promise we have from God that we are held in a loving relationship that comes each day through the Holy Spirit and the new life in Jesus.

Blessings and Peace,  
From Pastor Leta and Pastor Michael

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## REGULAR WEEKLY WORSHIP

**SATURDAY**

**5:30 PM**

**SUNDAY**

**8:30 am & 10:30 am**

**WEDNESDAYS in LENT**

**7:00 PM**



# Inspired

Live Out our Faith  
in Action!

## Wednesday Lent Series

Ash Wednesday Services 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

March 6th Origin Stories by Pastor Leta

Wednesdays during Lent at 7:00 pm

March 13th Deliverance Stories by Carol McDivitt

March 20th War Stories by Amy Hoeven & Marge Norskog

March 27th Wisdom Stories by Deacon Ro Fesser

April 3rd Resistance Stories by Peter Severson

April 10th Gospel Stories by Pastor Woody Carlson

## Holy Week

April 18th (Maundy Thursday) Fish Stories 7:00 pm

April 19th (Good Friday) 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

April 20th (Holy Saturday) 7:00 pm

April 21st (Easter) Church Stories 7:00 8:30 & 10:30 am





# Lent 2019 Small Groups

Engage in Community, Faith Conversation, and Connect in New Ways!  
Using the book *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans

Available at OS LC Suggestion Donation of \$15  
Study Guides Available in Narthex & Church Office

## How to Sign Up:

Online: <https://goo.gl/forms/eAoelepV7C5BxnlT2>  
Email/Phone: [leta@our-saviours.org](mailto:leta@our-saviours.org)/970-484-3133  
Paper: Sign Up Sheet in Narthex and in Church Office  
Facebook: Search for Inspired! Lent 2019 Small Group Study

# WOMEN'S RETREAT

## GENERATIONS OF GIFTS



April 5-7

Sign up Online or by Paper Form:  
[our-saviours.org/womens-retreat](http://our-saviours.org/womens-retreat)



Join us for a relaxing weekend in  
Estes Park!





# KISS MINISTRY

Lorna Reeves and I did a music program in Greeley the other day. In the front row sat a sweet man in a wheelchair by the name of Bill. Bill was having a birthday. He had turned 94 years old. We sang happy birthday to him and I went over to hold his hands.

He whispered to me, "I need to talk to you before you go."

I was in a hurry to get back to Fort Collins because of weather conditions; however, something told me talking with Bill was more important.

After the program, I sat down next to Bill. He held my hands and looked me in the eyes. There were 94 years of wisdom and life in those eyes.

He began, "I lost my wife last month. It was January 8."

I told him how sorry I was for his loss.

He continued, "Before we went to sleep at night, my wife and I always sang a song to each other.

He started to sing, "I love you a bushel and a peck, a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck."

It was the first song for the February music program because of Valentine's Day.

Love was the theme for this month.

Then he said, "I have an uncle who has an oak tree growing by his grave. My family always makes sure there is a yellow ribbon around the trunk of that oak tree." Well, guess what song we also sang that day? You guessed it! "Tie a yellow ribbon round the old oak tree, it's been three long years, do you still want me?" by Tony Orlando and Dawn.

Bill and I decided that there are no coincidences in this life. There was a reason him and I were brought together through music on this particular day. We decided that someone was trying to get a message to him, that his wife was closer than what he knew, and that everything was going to be OK. It's like God used me as a messenger for Bill. I still shiver just thinking about it.

In the end, Bill wanted one of my music packets to keep. A music packet usually contains 30 songs typed in 18 font for easier reading/singing. I gave him the best packet I had after using the packets for fifteen programs. I told him I looked forward to seeing him next month. He said he would be there one way or another. The tough part about doing a program once a month at any given facility is that sometimes the person is not there that next month because of hospitalization, another level of care needed, or simply passing away to that next dimension. I guess this is reminder to all of us that tomorrow is not guaranteed for any of us and to live in the moment, one day at a time and not worry so much about "stuff."

There are other stories I could share, too. I just wanted to remind all of us that what we do for seniors, and people in general, is very important. Each one of the KISS volunteers is treasured on a daily basis and thank you, the OSLC congregation, for all you do to support the KISS music program through donations of time, money, sheet music, and instruments. It is appreciated more than you know. It's called the "ripple effect."





# HABITAT WALL RAISING



OSLC and FOCOLU churches are supporting a new Habitat family. We will be joined in this collaboration with Plymouth Congregational Church to create a “Multi-Faith” sponsorship with the goal of engaging a family of a non-Christian faith. In this effort, we will be sponsoring Iman, along with her daughter and son. Iman came to the United States from Syria about 10 years ago and she has been working and going to school here ever since. Iman is currently completing a degree program in early child education management. On February 16, we held a wall raising shown in the photos.

Please join us in helping to launch Iman and her family on the path to home ownership.

If you would like to learn more about Habitat and how you can help please see page 9.





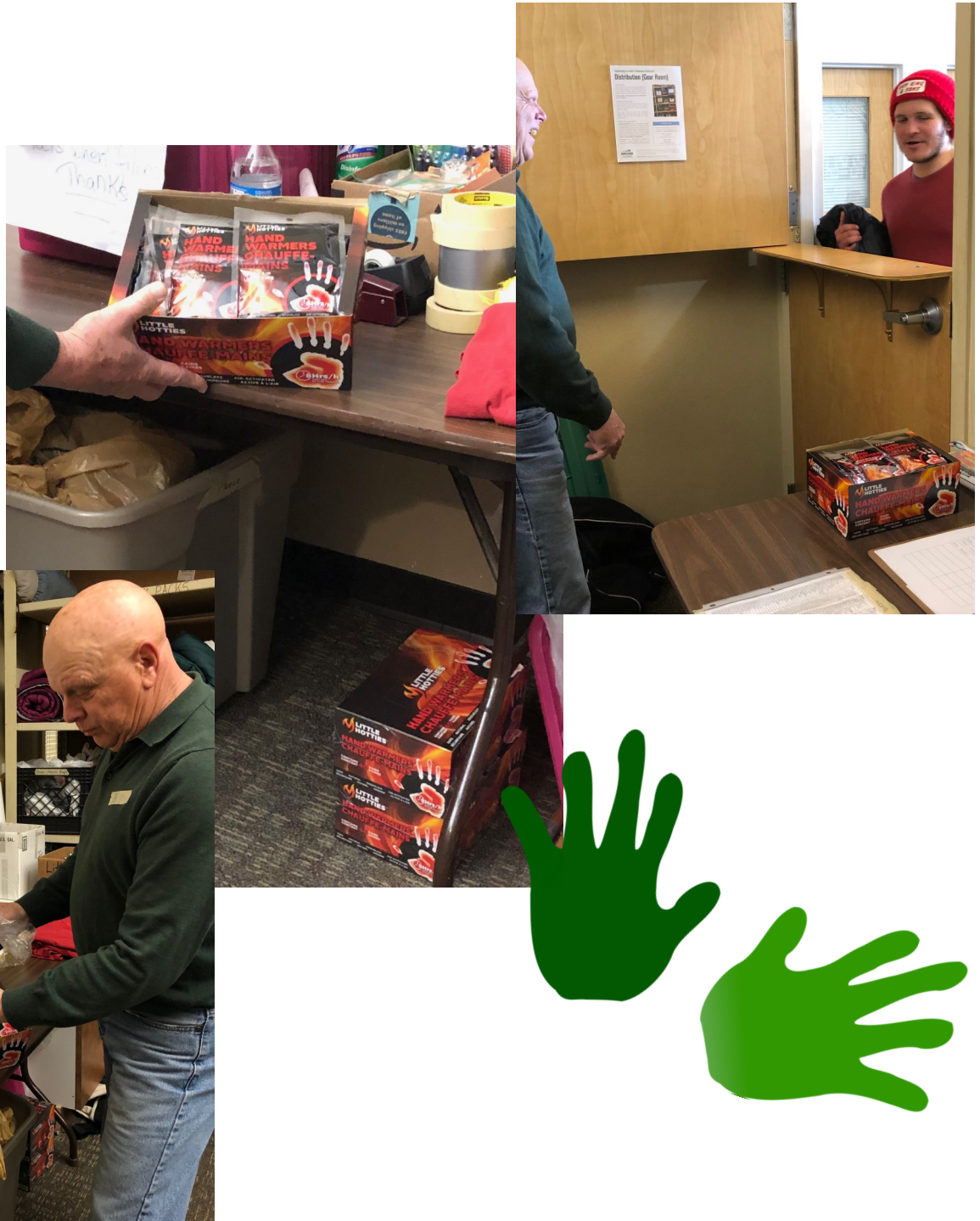
# HAND WARMER UPDATE

Your donated hand warmers are being put to good use!

As we handed out gear, we always asked, "Would you also like some hand-warmers?" In only one instance did the guest reply "no thanks". In every other case, the response was something like, "Oh yes, please. I could really use some!". We kept a box by the door and gave two packages to everyone who said yes!

Also wanted you to see where the boxes were stored under the table. Before we left town three weeks ago I wish I had taken a photo, because that space under the table was completely full of the boxes we donated! I know that hand-warmers are also available on the mobile van, so hopefully there are still boxes remaining besides these.

- Beth & Bill DeHaven



# YOUTH UPDATES



## Lent Bunco Night

Friday, March 29  
6:00—8:00pm  
OSLC Fellowship Hall

Middle Schoolers and  
Mentors are invited to  
play one of our favorite  
games—Bunco!

Prizes, Refreshments,  
and Fun!!  
  
RSVP to  
leslie@our-saviours.org



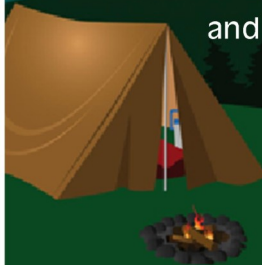
**March 31 @ OSLC**

**9:30-10:15am**

**Wear your favorite Camp Gear!**

Join camp counselors during  
Sunday School

Awesome Games & Activities  
and S'mores!



## Spring Celebration



JOIN US FOR OUTDOOR GAMES,  
CRAFTS, AND FUN! BRING A WHITE  
ARTICLE OF CLOTHING TO TYE-DYE,  
100% COTTON WORKS BEST!



WHERE? SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS  
WHEN? SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1:00-3:00 PM  
WHO? FOCOLU MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

## HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-OUT

FRIDAY APRIL 12TH 7 PM-7 am  
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Hosted by Lumin



**Find more info about high school ministry at:**

<https://www.lcmcsu.org/focolu/>



**FoCoLu Confirmation Book Club** is a fun way to read great books, talk with others, think about our faith in story! Each book club offering is 2 credits for confirmation. Those not in confirmation are also welcome to join! Read the book and then come to the discussion and activity time! Come to all or pick your favorites!

We have books to check out in the OSLC Library. Find the box labeled with the book and sign out on the clipboard provided. RSVP here: <https://goo.gl/forms/TxxHlbPanw9JG3gr1>

Contact Pastor Leta to RSVP or with questions. [leta@our-saviours.org](mailto:leta@our-saviours.org)

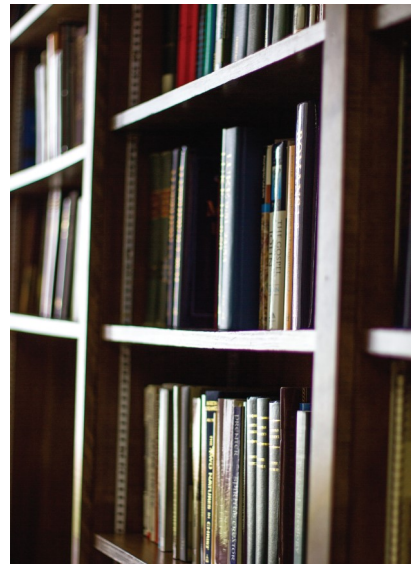
Read the book and come for discussion and movie viewing!

***Ready Player One by Ernest Cline BOOK AND MOVIE!***

**March 31st 1:00-4:00pm in West Lounge at OSLC**

***Wonder by RJ Palacio BOOK AND MOVIE NIGHT!***

**May 1st 5:30-8:00pm**



## MEMBERSHIP AT OSLC

March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup> 9:40am Classes in the East Meeting Room

April 28<sup>th</sup> 11:30am New Member Lunch in the Fellowship Hall

May 5<sup>th</sup> Welcome and Reception

Interested in joining the church? RSVP to the church office at [office@our-saviours.org](mailto:office@our-saviours.org).

## NEWS FROM HABITAT

**HABITAT BUILD DAYS** OSLC volunteers needed for Habitat build days this spring. We will be joining our FOCOLU partners to build homes at Habitat's Harmony Cottages on **Saturday, March 30, Thursday, April 25, and Saturday, May 18. Seven volunteers from OSLC will be needed to participate on each build day.** With six or more houses under various stages of construction, there will be something for everyone to do from framing to painting and all types of building activities in between. A delicious mid-day lunch will be provided by a culinary crew from each FOCOLU partner. If you can to join the FOCOLU build team on any or all of these build dates, please contact Jerry Freier ([freierreed@msn.com](mailto:freierreed@msn.com); 970-482-6163).

**Habitat's Home Ownership Application Process.** Do you, or someone you know, qualify to purchase a home through Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity? Applicants need to be a permanent resident here, have a need for affordable housing, be able to pay a mortgage, and have an income that is between 45-80% of the area's median income, depending on a family's size. Applications will be accepted for a limited time beginning on March 19. More details are available at: <https://fortcollinshabitat.org/homeowner-application-process/>.

# SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Register at:

[our-saviours.org/summerfest2019/](http://our-saviours.org/summerfest2019/)

Register at:

[our-saviours.org/youth-backpack](http://our-saviours.org/youth-backpack)

## YOUTH BACKPACKING TRIP



Register at:

[our-saviours.org/waterworld/](http://our-saviours.org/waterworld/)



Rainbow Trail July 14-20 Confirmation

Sky Ranch Half Week (1st—3rd Grade) August 4-6

Sky Ranch Full Week August 4-9

Register at:

[our-saviours.org/camps/](http://our-saviours.org/camps/)



## Midlife Family Picnic

Aug. 17th

@Allison & Sean Rogers





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**ROAR!**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JUNE 10 - 14 2019**

**9 AM - 12 PM**

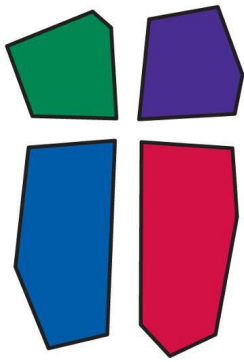
**OUR SAVIOURS LUTHERAN**

**2000 S. LEMAY AVENUE**

**FORT COLLINS**

**REGISTER AT**  
**[HTTPS //VBSPRO.EVENTS/](https://vbapro.events/p/focolu2019)**  
**P/FOCOLU2019**





**Our Saviour's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## About THE SIGNAL

The Signal goes out quarterly. If you would like to submit a story/article for the newsletter please email [natalie@our-saviours.org](mailto:natalie@our-saviours.org)

**Please welcome Karyn Eddins as our new Administrative Assistant at OSLC! Karyn has an extensive background in non-profit and ELCA church work. She will be managing our building use, volunteer coordination, and accounts payable among other various tasks.**