



Lutheran Church

WEEKLY REMINDER

6335 South Holly Street
Centennial, Colorado 80121
303-779-1332

Volume XXIII, No. 23

January 3, 2010

www.OurFatherLutheran.net

“The Rest of the (Retirement) Story”

A blessed New Year to you, dear family of faith at Our Father! The turning of the calendar year has differing meanings for each of us. For some, it's no big deal. For others it's a chance to review and renew. For the Hinchey's, 2009-2010 marks the ending of a long and blessed chapter of ministry with you and the beginning of a new era of retirement (for Pr. Don) and other plans for Margaret.

At the Voters' Meeting on December 20, I announced my retirement effective June 15, 2010. Margaret also announced her intention to leave on that date.

I will turn 67 this coming June and I believe it is personally time to enter the ranks of the “retired.” I write that word with some reluctance for “retirement” has always meant for me “The End,” and I'm a long way from ending ministry in one form or another. However, after prayer and conversation with family and friends, Margaret and I are convinced that a new season in life is needed for us and for you. New times, a new facility and new challenges require new (and younger) leadership. God has blessed us richly over the years, but it is time to seek God's guidance in new ways for the future.

Margaret has served as Minister of Music at Our Father since 1989, and, realistically, could serve well for many years more. As a called worker in the church, her tenure of service with Our Father is distinct from mine. It has been a privilege for us, as husband and wife, to serve as a team in ministry. However, in this case, when one member of the team must leave, it is advisable that the other leave as well. We hope you understand.

What are our plans? Right now it is to make the next six months a time of farewell, anticipation and service to God's people even as we plan to leave. It will be a bitter/sweet time, to be sure, but we stand ready to be of assistance to our staff, council and transition team, as they anticipate the future. Personally, we plan to stay in our present home. Margaret will want to seek a call to continuing ministry (she is younger than your pastor) and I want to be available to serve God's people as need and opportunities arise.

However, that cannot be at Our Father, and this is the hardest thing for both of us. In order to allow an Intentional Interim Pastor, your transition team and you, the people of Our Father to consider directions and make decisions for the future, we must stay away. Common wisdom says that a retiring pastor must absent him or herself from the congregation for a minimum of one year, and we are committed to that. I cannot be at Our Father to officiate at baptisms, marriages, and funerals, and that hurts to say. Nevertheless, in order to allow freedom to explore a new vision for ministry and plan for the future, we cannot be physically present with you.

Because of shoulder injuries Margaret has sustained as a result of her music directing over the years, there will be surgery sometime in the near future to help alleviate her constant pain and repair muscle damage. That will require some recuperative time away during these six months. She will be working with our Personnel Committee as we know time and extent of surgery.

Finally, as we prepare to leave you, we both would give thanks to God for the honor and blessing of these years of ministry. We look forward to the next six months with such mixed emotions, but underlying them all is the gratitude to God for you, this congregation, and all we've shared together over these many years.

A very blessed New Year to you all!



MUSIC NOTES



ADULT CHOIR REMINDER

Adult Choir is reminded that we sing for 10:45 a.m. worship on Sunday, January 3. We will rehearse at 10:20 a.m. in the chapel. Our next rehearsal is on Thursday, January 7, at 7:30 p.m. We welcome and encourage new choir members to join us at this rehearsal!

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Our Father's Kids (Grades 3-6) and SonShine Singers (Kindergarten - Grade 2) will rehearse again on Wednesday night, January 6. We will meet from 6:30-8 p.m. with choirs and handbells and treats! New members are welcome—this is a great time to get started with either group! (Midweek meals and a new round of adult classes start on January 6 as well.)

Praise Band Rehearsal Reminder

Praise Band is reminded of their rehearsal on Saturday, January 15, at 3 p.m. Your music will be in your mailbox next week.



Jeffco Action Center Needs Blankets

...as they house homeless people this winter. Bring to the box under the coat rack.



New Habitat Builds will begin in January. Our dates for serving at the Bails Town Home Community at I-25 & Colorado Blvd. are **Friday, Jan. 8, Saturday, Jan. 9, and Saturday, Feb. 6.** Please sign the Yellow Sheet if you are willing to help with this big home project. Sandy Madrid can be reached at 303-954-9449 with questions.

Worship

WORSHIP IN JANUARY:

Just a reminder for those who are confused about our worship schedule, here is a reminder of the pattern we are following:

- ***January 2 and 3** – Observance of Epiphany; Holy Communion at 5 p.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Service of the word at 8 a.m.
- ***January 9 and 10** – Baptism of Our Lord; Holy Communion at 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.; tenfortyfive style worship at 10:45 a.m.
- ***January 15 and 16** -- Holy Communion with music by Praise Band at 5 p.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Service of Word at 8 a.m.
- ***January 22 and 23** – Holy Communion at 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.; tenfortyfive style worship at 10:45 a.m.
- ***January 29 and 30** – Holy Communion at all services (5th Sunday); tenfortyfive style worship at 10:45 a.m.

Join Us for Saturday Evening Worship

Throughout the past months, our Saturday evening worship has been growing steadily. Consider joining your family at Our Father for worship on Saturday night. It's often a different group of people than you see on Sundays. Holy Communion is offered each Saturday night. If you are unable to worship on Sundays, consider giving our Saturday night service at 5 p.m. a try!

Welcome Center – Please sign up for the 10 minutes following our worship services to greet and give gifts to visitors.

ASSISTING MINISTERS NEEDED FOR 2010

Have you ever wanted to be more involved in worship at Our Father? Would you like to share your gifts and talents? We are looking for additional Assisting Ministers for 2010 (February 2010-January 2011) who have a heart for good Lutheran worship. If you want more information or would like to volunteer see Linn Riggert or Margaret Hinchey. Training will be offered on Saturday, January 23, at 1 p.m.



ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday Adult Education

Opportunities (9:30-10:30 a.m.)

Epiphany Forum – Pr. Hinchey will offer us a look at the Epiphany Texts in a new and different way.

Next Sunday – The new series begins with many options. Register now on the Yellow Sheet.

- Great Beginnings – A Taste of Small Groups – Elaine Hamburger & Linda Olsen
- God’s Gift of the Bible: How It Came to Be – Pr. Werner Boos
- Key Questions from the Bible – Sarah Bjornebo
- Understanding the Youth Culture 101 – Micah Steiner
- Community – Pr. CJ Ransdell

Bible Discovery for Children 9:30-10:30

- 3 year olds – Room 109
- 4-5 year olds – Room 105
- Kindergarteners – Room 111
- Grade 1 – Room 107
- Grades 2-3 – Room 106
- Grades 4-5 – Room 101
- Older youth – Sunday Morning Bible Study: Begins January 3rd in the Middle School Youth Room.

SPARK! During late service, children—3’s to Fifth Grade—leave worship after the children’s talk for an educational experience and return by 11:45.

Wednesday Evening Education Opportunities

- Continue your learning of the Bible with **See through the Scriptures** – **Linda Olsen** will offer a chronological overview of the Bible using a Timeline and DVD segments featuring Harry Wendt, Crossways writer. Cost is \$20.
- For Middle School Parents – **Love and Logic** with **Jack Lipski** – A not-to-be-missed opportunity at such a reduced rate. Couples are encouraged to attend together. Cost is \$16 per person.
- Learn the depth of the **Lord’s Prayer** with **Pr. Hinchey** “Lord, Teach Us to Pray”

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR THE EPIPHANY PROGRESSIVE PARTY!

Our annual Epiphany Progressive Party is Saturday night, January 9, at 6:30 p.m. We travel to homes for appetizers and desserts to celebrate the post-Christmas season of Epiphany. This year we will be starting at the home of Howard and ArVie Doerr at 5741 South Ash Court in Greenwood Village (The Preserve just north of Orchard) for appetizers. (You will get your dessert assignment there.) The gathering usually goes from about 6:30-9 p.m. Please sign the yellow sheet if you are interested in attending and indicate if you are bringing an appetizer or dessert. This is a gathering for all adults—singles, couples, old and young!!! We especially encourage new members to join us. Call the office by noon on Tuesday if you want to sign up!

Women’s Ministry

- **Prayer Sisters** – Notes may be posted on the bulletin board by the reception desk.
- **Book Club** – Book Club meets in the **Conference Room** on **Monday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.** to discuss **The Lace Reader** by Brunonia Barry. Any and all readers are invited to join our group! Call Elaine Hamburger (303-699-7645) for more information.



Defying Gravity— Women’s Banquet

It will be here before you know it—our much anticipated annual Women’s Banquet on Friday, January 22, 2010.. Mrs. America, Michelle Rahn, will be back by popular demand with her challenging talk, “Defying Gravity.” Enjoy an evening of good food, (main dish will be Chicken Piccata) and friends at 2008 prices...\$23 per ticket. Volunteer sign-up sheet and tickets will be available **TODAY**, January 3. Mark the date on your new calendar.





Student Activities

- Student Ministries...Student Activities...All Students...check the website for upcoming student events.
- Contact Student Ministry staff via email at msteiner@oflc.net or at studentministry@oflc.net.

Attention all Senior High Students

Second round deposits for NYG are due by December 31 - \$75. If you are still undecided about attending the NYG—contact Micah or Martina as soon as possible! All registrations will be accepted until December 31.

NYG and Mission Trip Parent Informational Meeting will be on January 31 at 11:45 am in the Senior High Youth Room. We will discuss specific details about the gathering such as estimated costs and payment schedule, fundraising, transportation, hotels and other pertinent information. The NYG Coordinator is Cathy Kjellsen. Contact Cathy at ckjellsen@msn.com with any questions!

Middle/Senior High School

Middle School/Senior High Winter Retreat at Lutheran Valley Retreat in Woodland Park, CO is scheduled for January 8-10. Cost is \$55. Students may register up until Sunday, January 3. Contact Martina in the Student Ministries Office if your student is interested in attending! We are also still looking for a few more parent drivers, if you can help with this it would be greatly appreciated!

Confirmation:

Catechism II Class begins Sunday, January 10 or Wednesday, January 13. To register, contact Cynthia Snyder in the church office (csnyder@oflc.net). Or take the entire class in one weekend by registering for the Winter Retreat, January 8-10.

Dec. 31: Registration deadline for NYG; second deposits of \$75 due
 Jan 6: CHAOS and GROUP begin 6:30-8pm
 Jan 8-10: LVR Winter Retreat
 Jan 10: Catechism II (Sundays) begins
 Jan 13: Catechism II (Wednesdays) begins
 Jan 31: NYG and Mission Trip Parent Informational Meeting at 11:45 am



**Single Professionals,
 Young Families,
 Post High School,
 Young Couples**

Please see Pastor CJ for more information.

community

CrossRoads announces Community. Community is a time for people to come together and talk about living life as God's people today. We will discuss everything from theology and books of the Bible, to current events and hot button topic. It is not a lecture, but a discussion, and all are welcome to come and share their views and ask their questions. This is an opportunity on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 to discuss different topics that are relevant and important in the lives of people today. It is also a time to get to know other people and to grow in our relationships with each other. Because you cannot have Community without "u" or "i." Community takes place in the Community Room. See Pastor CJ for more information.



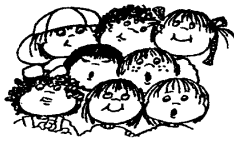
MOPS – Mothers of Preschoolers

For ALL preschool (under age 5) mothers even if you can only come part time or for the Girls' Nights Out...If you can come on Fridays, the group meets on the first and third Friday mornings, 9:15-11:30 a.m. Bring children to the nursery; moms meet in Room 300 at the top of the stairs. **Topic for Jan. 15: "Create Meals" – Children's Focus: "What Is Epiphany?"**

Love & Logic Coming Again to OFLC

Middle school parents or with slightly older or younger children—YOU are invited! **Jack Lipski**, former youth minister of Shepherd of the Hills and now guidance counselor there, will give a discount rate to us - **\$16 per participant!** This is America's most practical and entertaining parent training. Handling misbehavior, setting limits, solving problems, avoiding arguments and using consequences will be taught with examples geared to middle school aged children. Sign up now at the reception desk.

**Our Father
Children's
Learning Center**



A BRAND NEW YEAR!

We were excited to get back to school! The children are discovering neat and interesting things about snowflakes! They have made snowflakes with their painted hands and learned to fold and cut paper to make beautiful patterned flakes. "Horses" have been trotting through the halls and our little cowboys and cowgirls decorated their own bandanas to celebrate Rodeo Week. They will "roast" marshmallows over the "campfire" under the "twinkling stars."

REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2010-2011 WILL START JANUARY 21ST FOR RETURNING FAMILIES. CHURCH MEMBERS NEW TO THE PRESCHOOL MAY REGISTER ON JANUARY 26TH. CALL ALISON FOR MORE INFORMATION AT 303-779-4910. You may pick up a registration form in the preschool office during the week.

FROM OUR "KIDS ARE SO CUTE CORNER"

The children were walking down the middle aisle of the sanctuary after a Christmas program practice. The three year olds came to the statue of Christ Rising. A little girl stopped and studied it for a moment then exclaimed, "Wow, nice trophy!"

Happy New Year!

Alison Cejka, Director

**Voter's Meeting Summary -
Pastor Hinchey's Retirement
Announcement**

The annual voter's meeting for OFLC was held from 9:30 to 10:30 AM, on Sunday, December 20, 2009.

The 2010 Officers and Parish Council slate of candidates were approved by the voters along with our 2010 Ministry Plan and Budget.

The approved Ministry Plan and Budget focusing on "Servant Ministry," projects income at \$1,602,220, expenses at \$1,706,740, and a projected budget deficit of \$104,520 to be covered from the Contingency Fund. Significant cuts to expenses along with a challenge to increase giving helped to minimize the impact of the costs associated with our new mortgage and facilities.

Pastor Hinchey also announced that he will retire on June 15, 2010. Margaret Hinchey will resign her position as Minister of Music at that time. With deep gratitude and affection, we pray God's richest blessings upon them as they begin this new chapter of their lives.

Please plan to attend one of two Congregational Meetings which will be held this coming week to address the important transition issues that are now before us:

"Next Steps at Our Father"

Wednesday Evening, January 6: 6:30-8:00 PM
Optional Mid-Week Meal - 5:45 - 6:30 PM

or

Sunday Noon, January 10: 12:00-2:00 PM
Potluck luncheon before the meeting. Food will be divided by last name as follows:

- * **A to K – Main Dish**
- * **L to R – Side or Salad**
- * **S to Z – Dessert.**

Please contact Ruth Koch (303-778-0762) if you have any questions about the "Next Steps at Our Father" presentation. Please contact Maegan Stein (303-877-7687) or Christene Woodward (303-726-9033) if you would like to help out with the potluck luncheon.

Yours in Christ,

Dave Rhode – President, OFLC



MID-WEEK MENU for Jan 6, 2010
5:45-6:30 p.m. Salad, Chili, Bread,
Dessert, PBJ

Meal Prices: 12-Adult--\$6.00, Ages 5-11--\$3.00
Children 4 & under free
Family Max--\$20.00

Commitment to Our 2010 Ministry

Please pray about your financial and service involvements for 2010, fill out your pledge and your time and talent forms, and bring to church to deposit into the box in the back of our sanctuary. We urge you to return these forms as soon as possible. Extra forms are available on the box, if you need them.

Thanks to the **128 people** who have returned pledge forms and the **82 members** who have returned Time & Talent Forms.



Simply Giving

You can make your contributions much easier for yourself! Sign up to have your donations to OFLC taken out of your checking account at the amount you choose and at the interval you choose weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc. You can change the amount with one phone call. Talk to Bryan Vinz (303-220-9540) or call the church office.

2009 TAX PLANNING TIP

To ensure your church contributions are tax deductible, do not file your 2009 tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. Some contributions may not be tax-deductible if you file your tax return before receiving this written acknowledgement. Please call Tammy Youngren at the office if you have not received your 2009 contribution statement by January 31, 2010. If you have any questions regarding this IRS guideline, please call Mary Ann Shirk.

Lutheran Witness Magazine

Learn about the work your congregation is supporting through our District and Synod! The deadline for a new magazine subscription or renewing your existing one is **Sunday, January 10**. The price is **\$23.50** by **check payable to CONCORDIA PUBLISHING**. Place your check in the purple box on Tammy Youngren's desk in Fellowship Hall. (NO CASH PLEASE.)



New Life for Your Old Cell Phone!

Got an old cell phone stashed in a drawer somewhere? If you bring it (with or without adapter, any brand) to Our Father between January 15 and February 15, it will serve two useful purposes. First, phones will be collected by a company that cleans them, erases all the data, and re-programs them with emergency numbers to be used by battered women and children with special needs. That alone is worth the effort. Questions? Contact Charlotte Rohrig, 303-693-4353, evercharor@msn.com.

But wait! There's more! Your old cell phone will also earn a few dollars to support Our Father's newly-launched efforts to love and serve Denver's Chinese community. In mid-January we will begin teaching Mandarin and Spoken English at Our Father and also help Denver University Chinese students by proofreading their academic papers at St. John's Lutheran Church, Denver. To learn and help, go to www.denverlanguagefriends.org, join us for an **orientation meeting on January 5 at 7 PM** at Our Father, and find those old cell phones! Questions? Contact Ruth Koch, 303-778-0762, RNKoch@aol.com.



Project C.U.R.E

Sandy Timboe is organizing a team of people to serve at Project C.U.R.E. once a month, beginning **Friday evening, Jan. 8, 7-9 p.m.** Volunteers would be packaging medical supplies for shipping to needy people in the world. Please sign on the Yellow Sheet, and Sandy will contact you with more information.



Birthdays

1/1	Dave McGuigan, Glenda Mueller, John Mueller, Kathryn Price, David Snow
1/2	Stephen Cohen, Jennifer Jairett, Gabe Macklem, Esther Mueller, Jack Peavler, Raquel Smith
1/3	Sarah Anderson, Marybeth Baer, Susie Brauer, Travis Brown
1/4	Tim Ortiz, Ben White, Marleen Wise
1/5	Vicki Lyman, Claire Stecker, Ann Warner
1/6	Timothy David, Dana Hess, Vanessa McClearn, Amanda Steiner
1/7	Jeremy Hacker, Ken Hooker, Barbara Ivey
1/8	Krista Kapp, Mary Korn, Kelley Oakley, Michael Warner
1/9	James Berghoefer, Katelyn Kopp
1/10	Courtney Black, Cooper David, Jonathan Fowler, Jeanine MacDougall
1/11	Nancy Borchelt, Jordan Logan
1/12	Nathan Squires, Katie Steele, Jean Warren



Members Remembered In Our Prayers

David Riggs	Jedediah Ortmeier	Kathy Evans
John Wegman	Dorothe Carlson	Ann Warner
Evie Leichtfuss	Barb Pond	Sara Stuebe
Richard Seedroff	Marve Papka	Kay Swanson
Elaine Selander	Dorothe Carlson	Otto Leichtfuss
Gerd Crandall	Kelly Urban	Suzanne Boos
Dorothy Schmid	Marlys Welch	Janice Nelson
Jim Fitzjarrell	Larry Welsh	Don Monroe
Wilma Hawkins	Carol Torscher-Hardeman	

Please Remember that all other prayer requests not specifically listed above are included in our FAITH-FILLED Prayer Chain.

Anniversaries

1/1	Royal & Paulette Wisch
1/4	Sylvia & Ed Olson
1/5	Pat & Maegan Stein
1/6	John & Eileen Schiff
1/7	Bob & Rima Hea
1/13	Vanessa & Shane Lombardi



God's
Answers
Prayers

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<u>Worship Service</u>		<u>Sunday School</u>
12/5	5:00P 64	
12/6	8:00A 241	Adults 130
	10:45A 172	Children 87
12/12	5:00P 69	
12/13	8:00A 219	Adults 107
	10:45A 409	Children 74
12/19	5:00P 79	
12/20	8:00A 240	Adults
	10:45A 236	Children 71
12/24	3:30P 297	
	5:00P 455	
	8:00P 390	
	11:00P 249	
12/25	10:00A 57	
12/26	5:00P 54	
11/27	8:00A 151	Adults
	10:45A 179	Children 51

JobSeekers Have Retained a Career Coach

Valerie Ness serves as consultant for our **Wednesday Morning Meetings** from 8:00 - 9:30 for JobSeekers. Valerie, who we hire to help in this area, can help review your resumes, give directions, role-play difficult interviews, whatever you need to become **SUCCESSFUL** and **EMPLOYED!** This group facilitated by Charlie Krumenacker works to address those needs and issues that have stressed you in your job search. JobSeeker meetings are open all un/underemployed persons. Please join us.



World Vision®



Building a better world for children

World Vision Service Opportunity- Sat. Jan. 30, 9 AM-4 PM

Mark your calendars. Volunteers for World Vision Denver work in a warehouse. Volunteers help sort, count, and package Gifts-in-kind (GIK) and also help with warehouse activities such as trash removal, moving pallets, lifting and building boxes. GIK are top-quality products given to nonprofit organizations by corporations as tax deductible donations. GIK products are used by World Vision both domestically and internationally to benefit children and families in need as a result of disaster or chronic poverty.



POSTMASTER: Send address changes to:
OUR FATHER LUTHERAN CHURCH
6335 S. Holly St., Centennial, CO 80121

PERIODICAL POSTAGE

Church Office-(303) 779-1332 Fax-(303) 779-1668
Web Page-<http://www.ourfatherlutheran.net>
All Members, Disciples Serving in our Community
Donald F. Hinchey, Senior Pastor, ext. 215
Charles (C. J.) Ransdell, Associate Pastor, Ext. 218
Werner K. Boos, Pastoral Counselor, (303) 741-5588
Linda L. Olsen, Minister of Parish Education, ext. 216
Mary Ann Shirk, Business Administrator, ext. 214
Margaret R. Hinchey, Minister of Music, ext. 217
Micah Steiner, Minister of Youth, ext. 219
Martina Link, Ministry Assistant, Youth, ext. 220
Tammy Youngren, Admin. Assistant-Member Services, ext. 211
Cynthia Snyder, Receptionist, ext. 210
Dawn Brodin, Ministry Assistant, Communications ext. 223
Becky Grammes, Ministry Assistant, ext.221
Kecia Mapp, Ministry Assistant, ext. 221
OUR FATHER CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER
Alison Cejka, Director, ext. 130 or 303-779-4910
SATURDAY SERVICE: 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY SERVICES: 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30 a.m.
OUR FATHER LUTHERAN CHURCH (USPS 000336)
Published the first Sunday of each month
by Our Father Lutheran Church, 6335 S. Holly St., Centennial, Colorado 80121
Periodical Postage Paid at Littleton, Colorado.