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Father

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Living Connected

MONTHLY CONNECTION

CHALLENGES

Challenges are nothing new to us. Students are challenged by teachers, peers and new learning situations. Athletes are challenged by coaches and competition. Businesses are challenged by the economy and changes in society. Voters are challenged by issues and candidates. Citizens are challenged by local, national and international affairs and events. Yes, we know something about challenges.

In our personal lives, Christians are challenged to be and to do all that our Lord intends for His people, for His church. God offers His grace and blessing so we are able to rise to the occasion as we live for Him and serve Him.

Our Father Lutheran Church is in a time of transition during which we will explore our vision for ministry and enlist the commitment of each member as we look to the future. As a congregation, our Lord makes it possible for us to see events and happenings as opportunities, not obstacles. Challenges, in the best sense of the term, are those experiences through which we can take advantage of the situation and use our God-given abilities to reach our potential in service to God and others.

A prayer from the liturgy of Morning Prayer aptly describes the attitude that needs to characterize our congregation during this time.

“Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; though Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”

I offer my pastoral encouragement as we face challenges together. May the Lord be with each of you and bring much blessing to Our Father and through us to many.

Peace and joy, in the Lord,

Pastor Jesse





ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday Adult Education Opportunities (9:30-10:30 a.m.)

Living Well in Christian Community – Explore topics that help people live together in helpful, positive ways. **Leader: Merlyn Hartzler** in the **Fellowship Hall...TODAY: Managing Anger, Next Time: Pr. Werner Boos on Talking to Self**

The Heart of Jesus – Explore women in the Gospel of Luke to deepen our understanding of how God works in our lives. **Leader: Ruth Harthun** in **Room 303** discussing “**The Widow and Her Son**”

Community – TODAY’S Topic: Christianity in a Multi-Faith World in the **Community Room** with **Pr. Tom Mroch**

Financial Peace Preview Party - Library

Bible Discovery for Children 9:30-10:30

– Join us for a lively time of learning!

- Preschoolers & New Kindergartners – Room 105
- New 1 – 3 Graders – Room 106
- New 4-6 Graders - Room 107



Calling all MEN next Sunday, August 8
The Men’s Group will sponsor a **breakfast at 9:30** in the Fellowship Hall for all men to promote and enlarge their Men’s Group on Saturday morning. Men, come one and all!

YOUR CHAIR IS RESERVED
Study of the Book of Acts
September 12-October 17, 2010
Youth & Adults
As part of the transition process.....
Discoveries from Acts for OFLC’s Mission
Sundays – 9:30 AM
Tuesdays – 10 AM
Wednesdays – 6:30 PM
Pastor Teske

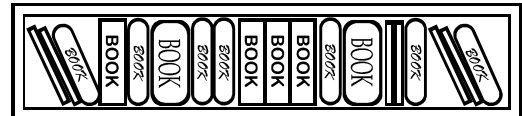
Bible Discover and SPARK! Staff Training

All staff for both Sunday Children’s Education Ministry Teams are asked to come on **Tuesday, August 24, 7:00 p.m.** for a 90 minute training. Child Care is available, if requested.


The Perspectives Study Program is a ministry of the U.S. Center for World Mission- a non-denominational parachurch ministry that works with churches, mission agencies, and campus ministries around the world. The program is run locally around the country by teams of volunteers: alumni who have been personally impacted by Perspectives and have a desire to mobilize their community to God’s global purposes. Perspectives is not so much a course, as it is a “movement” involving tens of thousands of God’s people throughout the world finding their niche in God’s overall purpose to bless the nations. It will be offered at the Southern Gables Church at 4001 S. Wadsworth starting Saturday, August 28. Register at www.Perspectives.org.

Education Board – Tuesday, August 3, 5 PM in the Conference Room.

Stewardship Team - Thursday, August 26, 6:30 PM in the Conference Room.



Book Club – The Book Club meets in the **Conference Room on August 16, 7:00 p.m., The 19th Wife** by David Ebershoff in the **Conference Room**. Any and all readers are invited to join our group! Call Elaine Hamburger (303-699-7645) for more.



Come to our **LAST** preview Party **TODAY August 1, at 9:30 a.m.** in the Library! We already have over 50 people—young and old alike—who have registered for this wonderful series. Join with us to learn how to best manage your financial gifts from God.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

Olan Mills will be here all next week taking pictures for our picture directory. Please call Olan Mills at 1-800-866-2263 to sign up for your picture if you have not already done so. Call Jan Burmeister (303-905-6655) if you have any questions.



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.

Amazing Pace-August 11

Join us in a progressive dinner while competing in some crazy challenges! This year's Amazing Pace will be held on Wednesday, August 11 from 4-8pm. Meet at OFLC. All forms due August 4. See Kelly Paszek for more information.

Party in the Park

This Year's Party in the Park will be held September 10-11 at Cherry Creek State Park. Along with Bible study and youth-led worship; we will swim, BBQ and

Youth Ministry Training: August 28 at OFLC all day from 9-4:30 pm. Please bring money for lunch. Daycare provided.

Weekly Activities

- Sundays:
 - 9:30A Senior Bible Study- Book of James
- Following late service College Brunch
- Mondays:
 - 6:00P "Captivating" Bible Study
- Wednesdays:
 - 4:30P Open House
 - 6:30P WE

Mat and Angie – Giving/pledging envelopes and picture postcards are available at the reception desk, if you care to support their important work in central Asia or be on their email mailing list.

Attention Parents of College Students

We need your help! As we do each year, we try to collect the campus addresses for our college students. We would like to be able to keep your student up-to-date on what is happening here at Our Father. Below is a form to fill out and return to the church office or e-mail tyoungren@oflc.net by **Sunday, September 19**, with your student's information. Remember, they love to get mail and emails, so help us keep in touch with them.

Please Print:

(Please complete, detach and return the form below to the church office.)

College Student Mail Information

Student Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____



STEWARDSHIP CORNER!

The Stewardship Team would like to ask members of OFLC if they would be able to help sponsor people who want to take the Financial Peace University series, but for whom the \$100 cost is still prohibitive to them. Please sign on your Yellow Sheet, if you are willing.

BENEVOLENCE MEETING

Those interested in helping to designate our second quarter 2010 benevolence offerings, please join the meeting on **Thursday, August 19, 3:00 p.m.** Help us make these outreach decisions for OFLC. All members can also ask for a group or organization with a need for financial assistance to be considered. Fill out an application from Jeff Bjornebo's box in the Office Area and return it by August 15.

HELP WANTED

After 2 1/2 years of selling the King Sooper and Safeway grocery cards, Susie Brauer is ready to step down. We need someone to take over this opportunity to serve OFLC in selling the cards on Sunday mornings between services. If you are interested or have questions, speak with Susie at 303-932-2873.



NAME TAGS

Please remember to wear your name tags to the service. If you need a new name tag, indicate on Yellow Sheet or contact Tammy in the church office, 303-779-1332.

WANT TO SERVE ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN?

If you're looking for a way to serve God and your fellow Christians, this is a job for YOU. You don't have to leave your chair (or your computer), no one to notify--just read the requests and PRAY! To sign up just send your e-mail address to Elaine Selander-ebselander@aol.com Do it today!

Faith Day at the Rockies

This year Faith Day will be held on Sunday, August 15, 2010. The Rockies will be playing The Milwaukee Brewers at 1:00 PM. The featured band will be Jeremy Camp after the game. With sixteen No. 1 songs, five Dove Awards, three ASCAP Songwriter of the Year wins, and both Grammy and American Music Award nominations, Jeremy's thoughtful lyrics and booming voice have earned him legions of fans and various accolades. We are looking forward to a great concert! OFLC has 100 tickets. For more information, call Karen Callahan (303) 790-0772.

SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL SUMMARY THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010

Our General Offerings are running 4.9% below our six month budget. Please remember that our 2010 Ministry Plan approved by our voters call for a 10% increase in 2010 general offerings. While our expenditures are running below budget especially for Preschool and custodial costs, our offerings have not grown as needed to maintain the budgeted annual deficit of \$104,520. And in fact, our operating deficit is projected to grow by approximately \$50,000 based on current giving levels.

	Actual	Budget
General Offerings	\$ 510,522	\$ 537,000
Program Income & Designated Gifts	236,476	240,665
Total Income	746,998	777,665
Expenditures	(861,966)	(872,505)
Excess Income (Expense)	\$ (114,968)	\$ (94,840)

Any questions or comments can be directed to Margaret Freeman, Treasurer, 303-783-1204 or Mary Ann Shirk, Business Administrator, 303-779-1332. A more detailed financial report is available upon request.

Denver Lutheran High School

On Monday, August 9, there will be a Special Delegate Meeting to report on the sale of the Denver Campus and the plans for the continuing future of the ministry of Denver Lutheran High School. The meeting will be at 7:30 in the Media Center at Denver Lutheran. This meeting is open to the public.

Jelly Church



Remember your jelly to help stock Inter-Faith's depleted Food Bank. Bringing twice the amount we are doing now would help them VERY much! Bring it to the collection area in the hall past the reception desk.

Please Check the Lost and Found

If you think that you may have misplaced something at OFLC, please check the lost and found, located in coat rack area near the reception desk. All items left after Aug. 15, will be donated to Goodwill.



Katrina Relief

We have reserved the week of October 17-23, 2010 to go to New Orleans to continue our relief work. There is still a lot of work and rebuilding that needs to be done. The work will be similar to Habitat, inside work only; putting up sheet rock, painting, maybe flooring, whatever is needed. We will be placed at the level of our experience. If you have electrical or plumbing skills that is always appreciated. Please consider this outreach as they still need help in rebuilding this unique city. For more information, please contact Karen Callahan, (303) 790-0772.

Cell Phone Collection

We are still accepting any old cell phone. We even make a little bit on broken ones. Just bring your old phone and put it in the carton across from the registration desk.



Blood Drive



Many thanks to the 36 people who participated in the blood drive. We were able to donate 31 units, which is great for a summer drive!

Campbell Soup Labels & Box Tops for Education

Save your Campbell and General Mills labels for Emmaus Lutheran School here in Denver. Drop labels in the box on the cabinets near the elevator and they will be delivered to the church for redemption of school supplies.

Birthdays

8/1	Tyler Gehring, Lise Seedroff, Don Welch
8/2	David Hemenway, Cheryl Leathers, Nannette McGuigan, Ryan Mills, Kelly Peecher, Georgia Renninger, Jim Rueter, Joe Schillaci, Caleb Stults, Royal Wisch
8/4	Terry Black, Ryan Germeroth, Martha Parsons, Sara Winkler
8/5	Laura Moes, Jessica Moy, Chelsie Phillips
8/6	Aric Jones, Erik Peterson
8/7	Natalie Black, Elizabeth Kjellson, Ginny Knappenberger, Devin Rairdon, John Riggs, Nathan Snow, Nicholas Stephenson, Eileen Weaver
8/8	Mary Ann Foster, Laurence Mapp, Jim Wulliman
8/9	Susan Honeyfield, Ron Kennedy, Sandra Madrid
8/10	Ethan Acosta, LaRetta Flora, Cindy Leathers, Otto Leichtfuss, Camille Logan
8/11	Kellie Black, Bill Urban
8/12	Bridget Rohde, Mary Ann Shirk, Nancy Terry, Lauren Woodward
8/13	Grace Kirk, Piper Milley, Sharon Oestmann, Becky Wulliman
8/14	Bob Hoffarth, Morgan Kochenberger, Katie Stopkoski, Ron Swanson, Carolyn Wilson
8/15	Susan Cohen, Guy Sielcken, Afton Williamson
8/16	Greg Foster, AJ Gehring, Ralph Giesler, Ian Nelson
8/18	Redd Geurts, Barb Herold, Chris Hill, Erin Zabel
8/19	Madison Rutenbeck
8/20	Kayte Loken, Dave Olsen, Mary Anne White
8/21	Nora Fingerlin, Madison McKee, Vicky Stone, Micah Sulzen, Cathy Taylor, Jack Von Feldt
8/22	Jeff Bridges, G. Aileen Brown, Stephanie Larsen, Rick Newlander, Ellen Timboe
8/23	Trenton Cunningham, Judy Norman, Mallory Peterson
8/24	Joy Hamilton, Wade Macklem, Sean McGuigan, Betty Snow
8/25	Aaron Bridges, Linda Ward, Casen Hooker
8/26	Lowell Janssen, Carol Macklem
8/27	Marc Ellis, Will Urban, Shelly VanDenBosch
8/28	Tanner Evans
8/29	Martha Beck, Leila Lange, Stephen Shirk
8/30	Graham Allen, Wendy Eberhardt, Anna Spielmann, Mallori Spielmann, Marie Weller
8/31	Diane Miller

Anniversaries

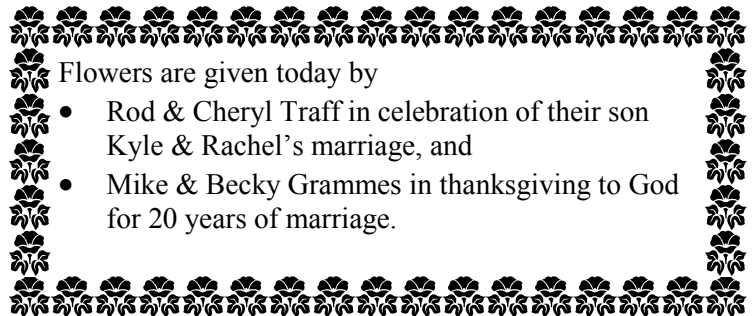
8/1	Chuck & Jennifer Jolin, Jim & Tammy Sherman
8/3	Jerry & Diane Miller, Dan & Stephanie Rolf
8/4	Michael & Becky Grammes
8/5	Troy & Rebecca Rushmore, Scott & Lisa Trail
8/7	Joni & Tim Miller, John & Sally Moos
8/8	Marsha & Tim Evans
8/9	Brent & Cindy Broekemeier, Zack & Kelly Peecher
8/10	Jim & Karen Black
8/13	Reta & John Michak
8/14	Dick & Marilyn Chapman
8/15	Stefanie & Mike DeMonbrun
8/17	Ken & Ruth Challacombe, Susan & David Honeyfield, David & Suzanne Lee, John & Culleen Rohde, Megan & Frank Rome, Donna & Guy Sielcken
8/19	Alice & Douglas Wilhelm
8/20	Russ & Jennifer Furry, Jill & Steve Mickey
8/21	Lanie & Steve Tiffenback
8/22	Ken & Sandy Timboe
8/23	Dave & Sara Rhode
8/24	Ted & Margaret Eickhoff
8/25	Samuel Devaraj & Sylvia Chandrasekar, Prem & Sally Stephanos
8/26	Marv & Sharon Oestmann, Jim & Becky Wulliman
8/27	Martha & David Beck
8/28	Michael & Sarah Erickson
8/29	David & Barbara Robinson, Sabrina & Shawn West
8/30	John & Patti Lujan, Pete & Ellen Strom, Bryan & Rachel Vinz
8/31	David & Sheila Kerber

Members Remembered In Our Prayers

David Riggs	Marlene Fiser	<u>With Cancer:</u>
Elaine Selander	Marlys Welch	Dan Pond
Brian Ortiz	Jan Meyer	Barb Pond
Jedediah Ortmeier	Kathy Evans	Marve Papka
Sondra Welsh	Jim Klein	Don Monroe
Dorothe Carlson	Jim Fitzjarrell	John Wegman
Ann Warner	Marie Weller	Joyce Mosher
Anne Franklin	June Rose Kayser	
Otto Leichtfuss	Evie Leightfuss	
Wilma Hawkins	Flo Brungard	
Esther Mueller	Sara Stuebe	
Laura Amigroud	Gerd Crandall	
Michael Dietz		

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

- Christian sympathy with the Cornish family at the death of Roy.
- Christian sympathy with the Rheinheimer family at the death of Jim's mother Mikie.
- Christian sympathy with the Hea family at the death of Rima's mother, Barbara Nowland.
- David Riggs recovering from surgery.
- Lois Hall recovering from bike accident.
- Natalie Conklin diagnosed with cancer.
- Allison Patella undergoing tests.
- Mike Dietz recovering from surgery.



Flowers are given today by

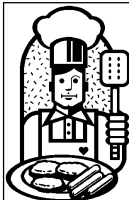
- Rod & Cheryl Traff in celebration of their son Kyle & Rachel's marriage, and
- Mike & Becky Grammes in thanksgiving to God for 20 years of marriage.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<u>Worship Service</u>		<u>Sunday School</u>		
7/3	5:00P	38		
7/4	8:00A	164	9:30A	Adults 33
	10:45A	111		Children 7
7/10	5:00P	87		
7/11	8:00A	218	9:30A	Adults 60
	10:45A	125		Children 18
7/17	5:00P	69		
7/18	8:00A	180	9:30A	Adults 75
	10:45A	160		Children 12
7/24	5:00P	53		
7/25	8:00A	207	9:30A	Adults 79
	10:45A	179		Children 28

CALLING ALL BOWLERS

The Christian Keglers Bowling League begins another year at Arapahoe Bowling Center on September 13. We have several members of OFLC who already bowl on this league, and we would love to have more! For information, please contact Jeff Stotler at 303/688-0510 or Marlene Fiser at 303/770-6362 by August 15.



SUMMER PROGRESSIVE BBQ

Please join us for a progressive BBQ on Saturday, August 7, at 6:00 pm. Sign up at the reception desk. We start right after the 5:00 pm service meeting in the Narthex for appetizers and to get your home assignment. Enjoy a nice BBQ meal and fellowship at the host home. Then we all join up again at the designated dessert home. If you are interested in being a host family, please call Karen Callahan at (303)913-1035 (cell) or Marleen Wise at (303) 733-0080.

Shepherd of the Hills Christian School is celebrating 25 years of Christian education! This PS – 8th grade school offers small class sizes (avg. 18), a strong core curriculum that includes phonics, a full extracurricular program, a safe environment and much more. Most important, Christian foundational values are practiced throughout the school, and students hear about Jesus *every day*. Visit www.Shepherd-Hills-School.org or call 303-798-0711 to schedule a visit. Located near University and Dry Creek. OFLC members receive a “member” discount on tuition.

Shepherd of the Hills Christian School alumni are invited to a Special 25th Birthday Celebration on Sunday, Aug. 15, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the parish hall at Shepherd. Join us as we do a little reminiscing and kick off our 25th year!

JOIN US for an EVENT WHERE GIVING WON'T JUST FEEL GOOD, IT'LL TASTE GOOD TOO!

Enjoy a meal at any **Colorado California Pizza Kitchen** location on Sunday, August 22, 2010 and 20% of your check will be donated to **Lutheran Family Services of Colorado**. Download the flyer at www.lfsc.org and present it to your server to help support the many ministries of LFS.

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Christa Stec, Music Director, ext. 217

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OUR FATHER CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER

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