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Living Connected

MONTHLY CONNECTION

“The Last.....”

As mid-June and the finality of ministry’s end at Our Father fast approaches, I (we) are aware of “the lasts.” That’s the realization that what you are doing, you are doing for the last time. The closer our “last” service, sermon, celebration, etc. gets, the more “the last” becomes real. This is my “last” column for the Our Father newsletter.

So, after 35 Christmases at Our Father, “the last” Christmas held certain poignancy. Then there was “the last” New Year’s Eve service with the Men’s Chorus as was “the last” Lenten series with “the last” Holy Week observances---stripping of the altar and Good Friday Tenebrae (the “last” slamming of the book for the “strepis” was particularly loud and resounding in our new sanctuary, I thought.)

Then “the last” Easter—sunrise from darkness to light, crowds of friends, old and new; four “Hallelujah Choruses” in a row, 1300 friends, old and new. And when we had locked the last door, put out the last light and prepared to drive out of the parking lot on Easter Sunday, one of us said to the other, “well, that was our last Easter at Our Father,” and the other said, “yeah, wasn’t it great!?”

“Lasts” can evoke regret, sadness, even emptiness. They can be wrapped understandably in loss and grief, but also, if we’re not careful, in sentimentality and vapid nostalgia. Taking the “last” child off to school, moving from the old family home, saying good bye to a dear friend you know you’ll most likely never see again—all are times of loss that cause the tear to swell and the voice to choke.

But such times can also occasion thanksgiving, and praise. In the book of Revelation, the seventh chapter, John describes a farewell party unlike any other. The saints are gathered around the throne of the lamb with angels, elders and four strange creatures. They sing “Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might to our God forever and ever!” They have completed their course. They are faithful to the end, and God will give to them a life that has no “last.”

In these times of “the last,” whether that means partings from dear friends, or leaving behind beloved acts in God’s service, sadness will certainly be at hand. And yet, implicit in “the last” is “complete.” Finished. Fulfilled. That’s what Jesus meant on the cross when he said, “It is finished.” Not, “it’s all over,” but “it is complete.”

For Margaret and for me, there is a quiet satisfaction amongst the gentle sadness of last partings. You have given to us, dear friends of Our Father, the opportunity to do what we most enjoy doing—sharing God’s great gift of new life in Jesus Christ---in words and music, relationships and ministry, and along the way we have been privileged to serve with some of God’s greatest saints, regularly gathered “all together in one place.” (see Acts 2:1)

As we blow the nose and wipe the tear, we’ll grin ear to ear for such gifts as these.

So here are my last words, the final words of my last column:

“These were (and are) the days the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in them!”

*John,
P. Olson*



MUSIC NOTES



DON'T MISS ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS

Adult Choir members are reminded that we have crucial rehearsals each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. through June 10. We are preparing much music for special end of the year worship services in connection with the Hinchey's farewell on June 13.

MEN'S CHORUS REHEARSAL ON SUNDAY, JUNE 13

Men's Chorus members are reminded that they have a on Sunday, June 13 at 2:30 PM in the Chapel.

The Steven J Olsen Fund Celebrates Six Years of Gifts and Giving

On a warm Saturday evening in April, recent patrons of the Steven J. Olsen Memorial Fund gathered for laughter, food and drinks just a week before Steven's birthday. The yearly event celebrates and honors Steven and the ministry that his memorial fund offers in providing financial assistance to others with serious medical and financial concerns. Through shared stories and memories about Steven, his love for his Lord and his compassion for those less fortunate, the partygoers included him in the festivities.

Now at the end of its sixth year of operation and because of the ongoing contributions and prayers of so many others, the Olsen Fund has disbursed 49 awards to 40 different recipients totaling \$60,000+. We are extremely thankful for those members who contribute in Steven's memory and make these gifts possible. If you know of someone with medical and financial needs, we encourage you to tell them that the fund offers hope to those who are hurting in this way. Applications and information about Steven Olsen and the Olsen Fund can be obtained from the church office.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Drivers needed for 5 routes! Please consider helping deliver meals. Contact Linda Olsen, 303-779-1332 or sign up on the Yellow Sheet.

Worship

LITURGIES IN JUNE

June 5-6, 2010 - Holy Communion at 5 p.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Service of the Word at 8 a.m.

June 12 -13, 2010 - Holy Communion at 5, 8 and 10:45 a.m. with Pastor Hinchey preaching his final sermons at Our Father; 3 p.m. Celebration of Ministry

June 19-20, 2010 - Holy Communion with Praise Band at 5 p.m. and 10:45 a.m., Service of the Word at 8 a.m.

June 26-27, 2010 - Holy Communion at 5 p.m.; Holy Communion with Praise Band at 8 a.m., 10:45 a.m. will be tenfortyfive style.



Want to get your Our Father volunteer groove back? Would you like to feel renewed in that excitement that you have at times felt about church service?

We're inviting the Holy Spirit to lead us deeper into the Word and to restore the joy of our salvation and the joy of serving at Our Father. If you lead others in any way at Our Father, this is a three-hour morning retreat you won't want to miss! Come to be rejuvenated and uplifted: Saturday, June 26, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, at Our Father in the comfy Youth Room, lower level. This will not be business as usual!

Call the church office to reserve your spot!

Starting today, Sunday, May 30, you may sign up for your picture directory appointment at church.

Stop by the tables in the narthex to get the best possible time for you. You may also call Olan Mills at 1-800-866-2263 and give them our zip code 80121 to sign up. Olan Mills will be here at the church on:

Tuesday – Friday, July 6 - 9 at 2:00 - 9:20 PM

Saturday, July 10 at 9:30 – 5:10 AM

Tuesday – Friday, August 3-6 at 2:00-9:20 PM

Saturday, August 7 at 9:30 AM – 5:10 PM

Please call Jan Burmeister (303-688-9877) or Karen Kennedy (303-773-9207) if you have any questions.



ADULT EDUCATION

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

No Adult Education TODAY—Pr. CJ's Reception happens during the 9:30 time.

Continued Next Sunday

Encountering the Risen Christ – Get to know our Lord better with encounters in the Easter Gospels. **Leader: Pr. Don Hinchey in the Fellowship Hall**

Community – Great Opportunity to share and discuss matters of faith with Derek Woodward, come help pick the next topic in the **Community Room.**

Great Beginnings - New members and any member NOT in small groups are invited to experience topics similar to what might be discussed in a home small group. **Leaders: Elaine Hamburger & Linda Olsen in Rooms 300-301**

Bible Discovery for Children 9:30-10:30 – Older children will help with VBS decorations this Sunday and next Sunday. Younger children will have a video in Room 105

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.



Vacation Bible School Date Set

Enrollment continues for this June 21-25 children's ministry! See the display in the narthex. Food needs are shown. Please take a tag for what you can bring. **Craft supplies needed** are: Wine corks, TP, paper towel or gift wrap empty tubes, gifts cards for craft or grocery stores, boxes Rigatoni pasta, origami paper, ocean theme stickers, and ping pong balls.

VBS Staff Training – Thursday, June 10, 10 a.m. – Noon – All staff, whether a center leader or a group assistant, needs to attend this training.

VBS Decorating – All staff and any others are asked to help decorate for VBS on **Friday, June 18, 1 – 4 p.m.** We need everyone to help us make a High Seas theme come alive.

Women's Ministry

MOPS Garage Sale

MOPS is hosting a Yard Sale on Saturday, July 17, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Save your unwanted treasures and sell them at this Yard Sale. Rent a parking space at OFLC for \$25 (or two spaces for \$40) and set up your own mini-sale. Rental costs will go directly to the MOPS ministry. If you have donations but don't want a booth, you may drop off your items for sale at OFLC on Friday, July 16 from 4-6 p.m. or the morning of the sale. Questions? Contact Nicole Kelly at 720-200-3115 or snkelly@q.com or Britney Coyle at 303-434-8880 or britneycogle@yahoo.com.

Book Club – The Book Club meets in the **Conference Room on June 21, 7:00 p.m., The School of Essential Ingredients** by Erica Bauermeister in the **Conference Room.** Any and all readers are invited to join our group! Call Elaine Hamburger (303-699-7645) for more information.

CD of Pastor Hinchey's original songs on sale!

As part of the celebration of Pastor Don and Margaret's ministry at Our Father, we have brought back some wonderful musical memories. In 1984 Pastor Don, with his guitar and occasional harmonica, recorded a cassette of 15 of his original songs, including "Al the Churchmouse," "Kids are the Greatest," and "The Ballad of St. Patrick," to name just a few) These have been re-released on a new CD, "Kids are the Greatest, the Children's Songs of Don Hinchey." Over the next few weeks these are being sold for \$10 each, with the funds raised being used for flat screen monitors for the narthex, where we can communicate with our church family and also provide information about Our Father to the many visitors who use our facility throughout the week. As a special bonus for those who don't already have one, and for as long as supplies last, we are also including a free copy of "We've Come This Far by Faith", by the Music Ministry of Our Father. This 1999 recording, produced by Margaret Hinchey in celebration of our 25th anniversary, features favorite music from many of the musical groups at Our Father.

CDs will be offered for sale in the narthex following most services. Pastor will sign CDs upon request and after Sunday services on June 6.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Do you know God's plan for your finances? Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is coming to Our Father this fall. It's a practical, insightful 13-week course that provides scripturally sound advice to help you reduce debt and save money. We will offer this here at OFLC, Wed. evenings starting Aug. 25, 6:30-8:30 PM. We will have a "Preview Party" on Sun., June 6, 9:30 AM for those interested in hearing about this program.



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.

Welcome Back Kelly!

This summer we welcome back our Student Ministries summer intern, Kelly Paszek. Kelly recently graduated from Concordia University Wisconsin and will once again return to Our Father to assist in programming fellowship events. This summer she will also help lead the MYX mission trip. Kelly arrives June 5. We are excited to have her here!



Ride the River
Bike Ride

RIDE THE RIVER

On Saturday, June 19th Our Father Student Ministries will host its third annual Ride the River Fundraiser. Proceeds from this event will help send our students to the National Youth Gathering in July as well as help work with inner-city youth in Denver. In the past, proceeds from RTR have supported charities from around the world including Bethania kids in India, Ysleta Mission in Mexico, Roots Academy in Nakuru, Kenya and helped provide a seizure companion dog for one of our church members.

RTR includes a choice of a 6-mile family ride, 18 mile intermediate ride, or a 30-mile challenge ride. Cost is \$35/individual or \$75/entire family. Groups of 5 or more are \$25/each. This registration fee includes lunch, drawing entry for door prizes and t-shirt.) registrations must be completed by June 1 to receive a t-shirt.)

Register or donate online at www.GoRTR.org.

Tha MYX Mission Trip

Registration for Tha MYX is now open! Tha MYX International is a Christian mission working with poor of Denver from June 20-25, 2010. Our mission is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with some of Denver's neediest inhabitants. This will be done by handing out meals and lunches to needy people, caring for children in the Sun Valley and Lincoln projects, helping with a city-wide outreach event, and a multitude of other opportunities that the Holy Spirit will provide!



It's almost here!

This summer, our Student Ministries will be attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA from July 16-22. We ask for your blessing and prayers as our youth attend this powerful event!



STEWARDSHIP THE HEART OF A CONGREGATION

You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of human hearts, (2 Corinthians 3:3). Our lives are Christ's letters of recommendation. People read our lives. We pray that our lives are daily reshaped by the Spirit, so that we are positive letters of recommendation, witnessing boldly for Jesus.

GENERAL OFFERINGS

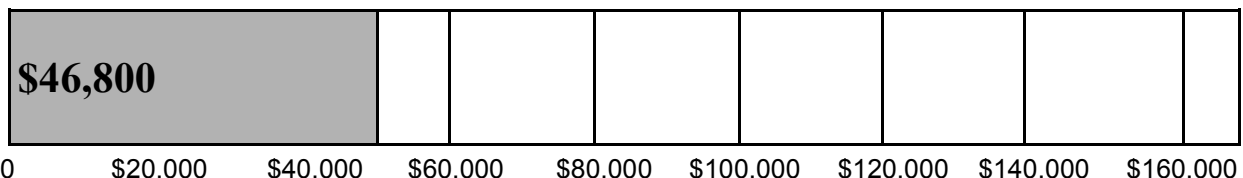
Through April 30, 2010

Offerings received	\$ 335,921
Budget through April.....	\$ 359,000
Shortage through April.....	\$ 23,079
Annual budget	\$1,145,100
Offerings needed	\$ 809,179



Growing Our Father's House Capital Campaign One Month To Go

Goal to Reach: \$166,700 by July 1, 2010



Birthdays



6/1 Pam Ancell, Cathy Brondos, Judith Cunningham, Zachary Dickman, DeAnn Fine, Leanna Jairett, Broden Lujan, Carley Morris, Ann Natale

6/2 Judy Brown, Hugh McClearn

6/3 Suzanne Amack, Howard Doerr, Liz Duffy, Kath Giesler, Carmeron McDonnell, Sheldon McDonnell, Marika Miller, John Milley

6/4 Douglas Faraday, Emily Grammes, Stephanie Murray, Ardis Smith

6/5 Jeff Adams, Justin Backstrom, Suzanne Boos, Bob Fritz, Carol Hemenway, Don Hinchey, Jan Meier

6/6 June Backstrom, Earl Duffy, Dan Pond

6/7 Dave Bergstrom, Keeley Jester, Doug Rowlett

6/8 Paul Giesler, Jason Smith, Bryan Vinz

6/10 Megan Lambert, Stephen Mills, Rody Smith, Carol Squires

6/11 Jeremy Carnahan, Patrick Healy

6/12 Florence Brungard, Sam Marley, Carol Patterson

6/13 Danielle Doetsch, Rex Gossett

6/14 Phillip Giesler, Andrew Kopp, George Lintz, June Taschner

6/15 Jim Black, Chris Cunningham, David Dominguez, Nikolas Edrich

6/16 Ana Amox, Jan Burmeister, Erica Hon, Jacob Hon, Jenny Kuebrich, Brian Rohde

6/17 Randy Bryant, Barbara Godden, Matthew Stahlhut, Sara Stuebe

6/18 Mitch Graham, Noah Graham, Mary Henry, Claire Miller, Norma Ogg, Brad Spielman, Nora Squires

6/19 Kimberly Carnahan, Cindy Solich

6/20 Alice Wilhelm

6/21 Willis Duncan, Jill Gorder, Michelle Jones, Jim Klein, Ken Timboe

6/22 Jordan Babby, Scott Franklin, Gail Loomis, Steve Mickey, Keith Niemitalo, Everett Rohrig, Lanie Tiffenbach

6/23 Cynthia Doerr, Louise Jairett, Bruce Werner

6/24 Dylan Danielson, Jim Rheinheimer, Jennie Rohy

6/26 Cathy Koch, Ann Kurth, Deanna Wegman

6/27 Kellie Bridges, Larry Lang, Kristy Pankow, Terry Pankow

6/28 Kari Graham, Keith Whitlock

6/29 Scott Callahan, Matt Cornish, Mark Dreier, Norm Groninger, David Kerber, Kaitlin Kinney, Jake Loomis, Chris Martin, Whitney Michak, John Rohde, Lee Schelhaas, Tom Schoech, Craig Wenkheimer

6/30 Adrienne Olsen, Shane Olson

Anniversaries



6/1 Philip & Sara Winkler

6/2 Bob & Linda Olsen

6/3 Jeff & Chris Martin

6/4 Tom & Leigh Ann Siegle, David & Julia Strain, Michael Vaske & Danelle Habbab-Vaske

6/5 Rick Cornish & Jenny Erickson-Cornish, Dennis & Karen Kuhlmann

6/6 Glee Ann & Norm Black, Mike & Cathy Brondos, Bradlee & Faith Dittmer, Joe & Ginny Knappenberger

6/8 Larry & Georgia Renninger

6/9 Ron & Cheryl Grothe

6/10 Dave & Adrienne Olsen

6/11 Donald & Marianne Hamilton, Ron & Karen Kennedy

6/12 Joe & Tausca Schillaci

6/13 Jim & Tammy Rheinheimer, Art & Elaine Roseboom

6/15 Terry & Lisa Meumann, Mike & Laura Moes, Willis & Nancy Walker

6/16 Rod & Cheryl Traff

6/17 Liz & Bob Spurr

6/19 Alice & Morey McDonnell, Orv & June Taschner, John & Jill Whitlock, Kurt & Stacey Winn

6/20 Dean & Debbie Danielson

6/21 Allan & Lynn Brandt

Members Remembered In Our Prayers

David Riggs	Charlie Krumenacker	Jan Meyer
Kathy Evans	Troy Rushmore	Flo Brungard
Marlys Welch	Nola Braddock	Rich Carnahan
Jedediah Ortmeier	Barb Ivey	Ted Eickhoff
Sara Stuebe	Ann Warner	Curt Becker
Dorothe Carlson	Jim Klein	Sondra Welsh
Jim Fitzjarrell	Anne Franklin	
Otto Leichtfuss	Marie Weller	
Evie Leightfuss	Margaret Hinchey	<u>With Cancer:</u>
Wilma Hawkins	Mike Porter	Barb Pond
Esther Mueller	Elaine Selander	Dan Pond
Roy Cornish	Bruce Werner	Marve Papka
Laura Amigroud	Jim Berghoefer	John Wegman
Gerd Crandall	Rachel Grammes	Don Monroe

- Sondra Welsh recovering from surgery
- Otto Leichtfuss who is hospitalized
- Dick Davidson and family on the death of his father, Bob Davidson
- Tami Backstrom's father, Larry Lairamore, in ICU
- Annica Berliner baptized on Saturday
- Emily Claire Madsen baptized on Sunday
- Sympathy with the Fiser family at the death of Marlene's Aunt Esther Gersib on Wed. in Iowa



Flowers given this Sunday, May 30, Mark & Tonya Ladwig in celebration of their 11th anniversary.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<u>Worship Service</u>		<u>Sunday School</u>		
5/1	5:00P	78		
5/2	8:00A	199	9:30A	Adults 114
	10:45A	190		Children 60
5/8	5:00P	124		
5/9	8:00A	252	9:30A	Adults 104
	10:45A	217		Children 68
5/15	5:00P	68		
5/16	8:00A	198	9:30A	Adults 92
	10:45A	171		Children 82
5/22	5:00P	58		
5/23	8:00A	295	9:30A	Adults 95
	10:45A	174		Children 69

6/22 Glen & Jan Burmeister

6/23 Loren & Kathy Anderson, Andrew & Melissa Coe, Allegra & Robert Reiber, Richard & Lise Seedroff, Peter & Ellen Schroder

6/24 Tim & Marybeth Baer, Sean & Kristen McGuigan, Deanna & John Wegman, Mark & Carol Woodyard

6/25 Steve & Krista Kapp

6/26 Roy & Marika Miller, C.J. & Mindy Ransdell

6/28 Ernie & Karen Cordova, Paul & Michell Kirk, Peter & Dedee Kopp

6/30 Tom & Chris Cunningham, Everett & Charlotte Rohrig

Congratulations to all our Grads!

May God continue to bless you as you seek to serve him in your future.
Remember your church family at Our Father!



Graduates

High School

Jordan Bridges
Grant Furry
Shannon Hea
Susan Patterson
Mackenzie Pearce
Kevin Rohde
Phillip Strom
James Siegle
Kathryn Tetley
Ryan Werner

Graduating From

Arapahoe High School
Arapahoe High School
Arapahoe High School
Littleton High School
Cherry Creek High School
Arapahoe High School
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Future Plans

Colorado State University - Pueblo
Metro State College
Colorado State University
University of Colorado-Colorado Springs
Portland State University
Rocky Mountain College-Billings, Montana
University of Denver-Lamont School of Music
Drake University
University of Missouri-Columbia
Colorado State University

College

Graham Allen
Christopher Becker
Virginia Bennett
Lauren Crome
Gracie Metzger
Joanna (Boos) Miller
Taylor Rhode
Kyle Traff
Devin Traff

University of Colorado, Boulder
Pasadena School of Art and Design
University of Colorado at Denver
Gustavus Adolphus College
University of Northern Colorado
Regis University
Leeds School of Business, CU Boulder
Colorado State University
Colorado State University

B.S. in Architectural Engineering
Masters in Media Design
Masters in Public History
Bachelors in Psychology
Journalism
Doctor of Physical Therapy
B.S. in Business Administration
Computer Science & Philosophy
Civil Engineering

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