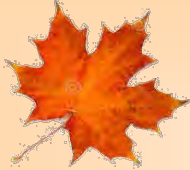


Our
Father

Mid-Month Connection

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Mid-October 2016



Queen City Jazz Band and Oktoberfest



The Fellowship Committee thanks all who were involved to make the Oktoberfest such a huge success. Thank you to all who signed up to help decorate, prepare food, serve beverages and clean up. We had record attendance, making the work worthwhile. Hope you all enjoyed the food, fellowship and live music by the Queen City Jazz Band.



Confirmation Sunday October 30, 2016

Celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism of our 2016 Confirmands!
Confirmation and Reformation service is at 8:00 AM.
A reception will be held at 9:15 AM to honor our
Confirmands, parents and guides.

Student Ministries

Let the CHAOS Begin!

Join us on Wednesday nights to connect with other HS students to live deeply rooted in an authentic relationship with God! We will hang out, catch up and eat! (Food for purchase most nights for \$1 - \$6.) New for this year are surprise nights! Check your [CHAOS schedules](#).

Confirmation Information

We meet Wednesday nights from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Food is available for purchase most nights. Contact Teri at tevans@oflc.net with any questions.

HS and MS Fall Retreat

The combined fall retreat will be **November 4 - 6** at the Lutheran Valley Retreat. Register and pay [online](#) NOW! Deadline is Friday, October 21.

Alternative Gift Market - November 20

In order to continue to build a passion and habit of service within our students, each small group in Confirmation and CHAOS will be working together to create and work a booth at the Alternative Gift Market on **Sunday, November 20**. Parents, if you're able/willing to assist the mentors in gathering supplies and ideas, please email Leah Abel at label@oflc.net.

Bible Studies

Saturday Morning Bible Study for All

Tom Hacker will be leading a Bible study open to everyone on **Saturdays at 8:30 am** in Room 300. The topic is the study of the Gospel of John. Come and join others delving into God's word.



Tuesday Morning

Women's Bible Study

Are you looking to dig into God's Word a little more? Want to connect with other women at Our Father? We'd love to see you on **Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am** in Room 300. If you have any questions, please contact Michele at mschulteis@verizon.net.

Education Sunday Mornings

9:30-10:30 am

- **Special Arise! Inform Forum** Next Sunday - October 23, with Pastors Abel and Sproul
- **Confirmation Forum** - October 30 - Everyone is invited to see the projects and hear their testimonies.

Fall Classes

- **Digging Deeper: The Lord's Prayer**
Instructors: Pastor Nate Perego and Micah Steiner
- **Becoming a Member of the Our Father Family**
Leader: Linda Olsen and team

Children's Education

Children's Sunday Morning Ministry

Come to learn some of our favorite Bible stories and do some fun activities based on these stories, Sundays at 9:30 am.

Sprouts

Join this expanded version of our children's ministry during the 10:45 service while the sermon is being preached. For 3 year olds through fifth graders.

OFLC Children's Christmas Program

Our Sunday School and Sprouts children will be presenting their Christmas program, "Signs of Christmas," on **Sunday, December 11 at the tenfortyfive Worship Service**. All children will be part of the chorus. Auditions for speaking parts will be **October 16 & 23** during class time. Rehearsals begin November 4 during their class instruction. Please contact Laura Moes at lauramoes@msn.com or 303-770-2432 for information and add these rehearsal dates to your calendar:

- **Saturday, December 3, 9:30-11:30 am:** All Sunday School participants in grades 1-6
- **Sunday, December 4, 9:30-10:30 am:** All Sunday School & Sprouts participants in grades 1-6
- **Saturday, December 10, 9:30-11:30 am:** Saturday dress rehearsal for all participants (Preschool/Kindergarten 9:30-10:30 only)
- **Sunday, December 11, 9:30 am:** Meet in the Great Room downstairs to rehearse for 10:45 program.





Dear Friends in Christ -

It is our pleasure to announce that Our Father will celebrate Staff Appreciation in October. Our staff deserves special recognition and we have the opportunity to show our appreciation for all they do for our family of faith.

On **Sunday, October 16 at 9:15 AM**, Parish Council and the Personnel Committee will host a reception in honor of our staff. We hope you will come to show your support and gratitude.

Andy Ottinger
President - OFLC

Margaret Freeman
Chairperson - Personnel

Ministry Team

Pastor Scott Abel
Pastor Nate Peregoy
Linda Olsen, DCE
Micah Steiner, DCE
Matt Hoehne, DPM
Mary Ann Shirk

Ministry Staff

Pastor Werner Boos
Heather Richey
Nathan Lester
Alison Cejka
Becky Grammes

Joey Schilling
Leah Abel, DCE
Teri Evans
Kelly Bruehl

Support Staff

Tammy Youngren
Cynthia Snyder
Tina Skirde
Rick Yeager

Alternative Gift and Service Market

Saturday, November 19, 2016
5:30 to 7:00 pm

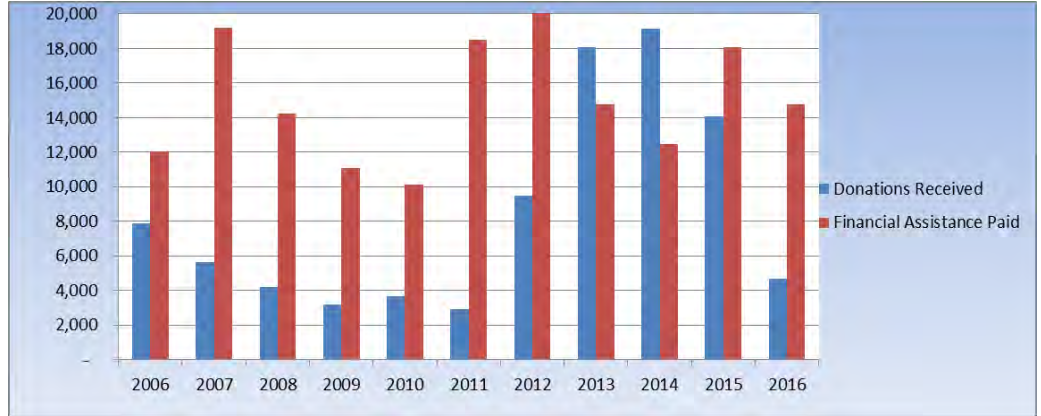
Sunday, November 20, 2016
9:15 am to 12:15 pm

This holiday season, give gifts of time, talent and treasure to the community and the world. The Alternative Gift Market offers you a chance to purchase gifts benefiting mission efforts worldwide to provide food, water, shelter, safety and resources to those less fortunate.



**Steven J. Olsen
Memorial Fund**

Many of us are fortunate to have good health or to have the finances to afford health insurance and health care. But with the costs of insurance and healthcare rising faster than our incomes, even we are at risk of needing a helping hand with rapidly raising health care costs.



The Steven J. Olsen Memorial Fund was set up to honor Steven J. Olsen who found his health insurance would not cover the procedures which might have returned him to health. Having raised over \$350,000 in one night to help with medical expenses, OFLC offered that helping hand. Now in Steven’s honor, we provide financial assistance and guidance on handling overwhelming medical expenses to individuals and families experiencing both serious medical and related financial concerns. Choosing between paying for medical treatment; a mortgage or for family needs is extremely stressful.

By paying the medical and related bills directly, we ensure that the needs are met without a middleman or other delays. Your support through prayers, designated giving, memorials and bequests have helped over 90 families since 2005.

We would appreciate your prayers for those we have assisted who suffer with: multiple sclerosis, pancreatic cancer, emergency surgeries, melanoma; neuroblastomas, dental crises, severe injuries, strokes; defective organs, autoimmune diseases, other cancers, kidney failure, fractures, diabetes complications, fibromyalgia, and sarcoma.

Your donations help us preserve the principal and give generously from the earnings and new donations.

Please spread the word (and the Word) to any persons you know who are struggling with bills to pay while working through a medical crisis. We may be able to help!

Family Homestead - A Family’s Thoughts

This is our third Family Homestead project. My daughters, Emma and Zoe, are the ones who look for the Family Homestead project on the weekly Yellow Sheet and get so excited when the event rolls around. This has been such a great experience for them and for me - to see how excited they get to be able to serve and spruce up a home for a family. *Melanie Afman Thank you to the eleven painters that helped with this project!*



Pictured: (from left to right)
 Laura Moore, David Reiners, Zoe Afman, Melanie Afman, Rima Hea, Rick Hon, Emma Afman, Bob Hea, Cindy Johnson, Lauren Richards and Chris Fox



Fellowship

Book Club - The Book Club meets **Monday, October 17, 7:00 pm** and will be discussing Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty. All readers are invited to join. Call Elaine Hamburger at 303-699-7645 for more information.

Elderberries

Are you 55 and older? This is the group for you. Please join us **Wednesday, October 19 at 1:00 pm** for fellowship and games.

Mark Your Calendar

The Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social will be **Wednesday, November 23**, following the 7:15 pm Worship Service. Think about your favorite pie to share!

Save the Date

The annual Epiphany Party will be **Saturday, January 7, 2017**. We are in need of a new location. We need a large home or club house available that evening, (rental fee under \$100 preferable). Contact Joanne Wille at 303-797-6511 with any information.

Community News



Mark your calendar and reserve your tickets for the 17th Annual Lutheran High School Auction on **Friday, November 18 at 6:30 pm**

at Lutheran High School. Tickets can be purchased at www.LHSparker.org/auction. We hope to see you there! Help support Lutheran High School. See Suzanne Boos if you would like to sit at one of the two OFLC tables for a half-price ticket.

New Member Information

New Member Gatherings Continue

New Member Orientation continues at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings for those wanting to formally connect to our church. Pictures are being taken the next three Sundays for a color insert into our pictorial directory.

Special Ministries



MOPS gatherings continue on **Friday, October 21** with Pastor Abel speaking. MOPS meet on the first and third Fridays of every month from 9:15 - 11:30 am in the Community Room. Our theme this year is "We Are the Starry Eyed." A program for the children also is a part of this! Contact Christene Woodward at dcwoodwards2000@gmail.com with any questions. Try out one session for free. Join us for great support and encouragement.

Arise! Information

Make Plans to Attend

Inform Forums at OFLC

- Sunday, October 23, 9:30 am Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, November 8, 9:30 am Community Room
- Wednesday, November 9, 6:30 pm Community Room
- Thursday, November 10, 12:00 pm Community Room

Initial Commitment Event

- Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall

Commitment Celebrations

- Saturday, December 3, 5:00 pm Sanctuary
- Sunday, December 4, 8:00 am and 10:45 am Sanctuary



ARISE!

God Is Calling Us To More

OFLC Information



Thanksgiving on the Border, 2016

For the 22nd year in a row, families, youth, and adults from OFLC will serve the hungry in El Paso and Juarez over Thanksgiving Break, November 23 - 27. We are seeking a team of 10-15 volunteers for this affordable mission trip. If you are interested in joining or learning more about this rewarding tradition, please sign up prior to **October 16** at the Reception Desk. More information is provided for you there. Should you have questions, contact our organizer, Tom Stuebe at 303-797-7871 or by email tdstuebe3@comcast.net. There will be an information/organization meeting in the Library on **Sunday, October 23** immediately following the tenfortyfive Worship Service.

Blood Drive

The next OFLC Blood Drive will be **Sunday, October 23**. Register at the Reception Desk.

Thanksgiving Boxes

Coming in November, you will have a chance to support families who don't have as much by filling a bag with Thanksgiving dinner items. Watch for the display in the Narthex.

Speak Up!

In celebration of Hazel's life, Rod and Cheryl Traff have donated Lutherans for Life brochures entitled: "Speak Up for Life." They are in the boxes attached to the church mailboxes. Psalm 139:13-16 - "You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb.....Your workmanship is marvelous -You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book."

Members Remembered In Our Prayers:

- *Hospitalized:* Dick Stotler, Savannah Dietz, Amy Albers
- *Those struggling:* ArVie Doerr, Adrienne Mosley, Phil Angus
- *Recovering from surgery:* Perry Schellpfeffer
- *Preparing for surgery:* Jim Rueter
- *Rejoice with:* Nick & Laura Jasurda at the baptism of Natalie Marie, Nick & Monica Martinez at the baptism of Ava Rose, and Jeff & Ashley Neises at the birth of their son, Jackson
- *Sympathy with:* Freda Davis' family at her death

Can We Offer Prayer for You?

If you are dealing with pain, trauma or serious illness, or experiencing God's grace in a particularly joyous way, you can submit a prayer request to the Our Father Prayer Chain at prayerchainoflc@gmail.com. If your request deals with a confidential situation you can contact the church office and these will be lifted up in office-staff prayer. Also a Healing Minister is available to pray directly for you during communion on the first and third weekend of each month. Let's join together to pray, praise and give thanks in all circumstances!



Time Change!

Remember to turn your clocks one hour back on **Saturday, November 5** to be on time Sunday.

ALL SAINTS DAY WORSHIP WILL INCLUDE REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

We will be remembering Christian loved ones who have died professing Christ as their Savior and Lord on All Saints Day. Please use the form below to list the name of your family member or loved one who **died since November 1 last year**, whom you would like named in our Roll Call of the Saints on Saturday, November 5 and Sunday, November 6 or e-mail csnyder@oflc.net.

All Saints Day Roll Call of Saints

(Please turn in to church office by Monday, October 31, 2016)

Name of Loved One (Please print) _____
 Name of Person submitting the name _____