

## The Miracles of Christ

When Jesus first called his disciples, He made them an astonishing promise: "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." On January 13 we begin a new sermon series examining seven miraculous signs performed by Jesus. Together, we will discover that these miracles are really moments when the promise of Christ was fulfilled – they are **moments when heaven was opened and the transforming power of God's love broke into the world.**

January 13: Water into Wine (John 1:43-2:12): Why would Jesus transform 180 gallons of water into wine for a party? Why would He choose this as the first of his miraculous signs?

**January 20: The Official's Son (John 4:43-54):** Jesus seems concerned that people are following Him for the wrong reasons. They seem more interested in the signs than in the One performing them. So, why did Jesus do them in the first place? Why are you following Jesus?

January 27: The Healing at the Pool (John 5:1-18): Jesus travels to a pool that supposedly brought healing – **but rarely (if ever) did.** Here Jesus asks a crippled man an intriguing question, "Do you really want to get better?"

February 3: Feeding the Five Thousand (John 6:1-15): Jesus encounters a group of revolutionaries in the wilderness. But instead of distributing swords, He distributes bread. What does this tell us about who He is and why He came into this world?

February 10: Walking on Water (John 6:16-40): **Caught in the middle of a dangerous storm, the disciple's** fear begins to overtake them. But when they see Jesus walking on the water they become even more terrified. What is it that causes fear in your life? Is there anything about Christ that makes you **uncomfortable? What would it be like to hear God's Son say to you; "It's me! Do not be afraid."**

February 17: The Man Born Blind (John 9:1-41): Jesus transformed the lives of those He encountered. Do you believe Jesus can transform your life? How might His light shine in the darkness of your life?

February 24: The Raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-6; 17-45): After the death of their brother, both Martha and Mary say to Jesus, "If only you had been here my brother would not have died." When was the last time you said, "If only..."? When was the last time you lamented the past? Does what you know about the future impact your life today?

Join us at Our Father for this special sermon series and experience more of the power and love of Jesus in your own life.

To God alone be the glory!  
Pastor Abel

## Student Ministries

### And, We're Back!

No MS/HS class on January 2nd

- January 6: Sunday School resumes for middle and high school.
- January 9: Confirmation and CHAOS resume.
- January 13 at 12:00 pm (or whenever late service ends): Mandatory meeting for students and parents of students going to NYG this summer to finalize participants and to sign a family covenant.

New Years Resolution: EAT MORE BURRITOS!  
As a way to help raise funds for the 2019 National Youth Gathering, the Student Ministries will be selling Casa Caliente burritos on the second Sunday of each month, beginning at 9:00 am while supplies lasts. Burritos are \$5 and packaged fresh. They are kept warm to be eaten day of, or can be frozen or refrigerated as well. Next burrito sale is Sunday, January 13.



## Christmas Program



### "Get in Line for Christmas" Children's Program

A big thank you to over 70 of our preschool through 6th grade students for presenting the nativity story through the musical "Get in Line for Christmas" by Cathy Skogen-Soldner on December 9. What a blessing the presentation was to our congregation! Thank you to our program directors, costume team, teachers, and superintendents who helped organize this wonderful presentation. A big thanks to the participants for their hard work, practice, and enthusiasm!

## Adult Education

### Sunday Classes 9:30 - 10:30 am

Classes Begin Jan 6, 2019 through Feb 24

- Jesus is for Quitters - Led by Tim Schermbeck in the Conference Room. In this discussion-driven **class, we will explore what God's Word has to say** to us about giving up, giving in, quitting, and starting over.
- Joining Jesus on His Mission - Led by Leah Abel and Cassie Schermbeck in the Fellowship Hall. See how easy living and sharing faith can be when you stop thinking of your mission for Jesus and **start joining Jesus on His mission, where He's** already at work in your neighborhoods.
- The Gospel and Story - Led by Nate Peregoy in Room 300/301. Join us to uncover the Gospel narrative in the movies, songs and stories we love and connect us to tools that point people to Jesus in every day life.
- The Book of John - Led by Tom Hacker (January 6-August 11) in the Chapel. In no other Gospel **does Jesus, in His "I AM" declarations, so** emphatically proclaim His divinity. John reveals the deeper meaning of Christ's message and His miracles.

## Children's Education

### Sprouts

Join this expanded version of our children's ministry during the tenfortyfive worship service while the sermon is being preached. For 3-year-olds through third grade.

### Children's Sunday Morning Ministry

Classes are listed in the southeast stairwell or go to the welcome center for a map.

## Men's Ministry

### Men's Ministry Breakfast

Join us for the next Men's Ministry Breakfast on Saturday, January 26, from 7:30-9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5.00, breakfast and coffee included. We will have a very special guest speaker, Ron Klabunde. Ron is the founder and CEO of Generosity Feeds – a national for-purpose organization that mobilizes thousands of volunteers in cities around America to address the local needs of hungry children through meal creation events. As a sought out speaker, trainer and consultant, Ron advocates generosity while equipping organizations and leaders to engage in a mission that brings peace and prosperity to their cities. He specializes in assisting businesses and non-profits in community engagement, social innovation, and inspiring higher purpose. To RSVP/pay online, go to: [oflc.net/connect/mens-ministries](http://oflc.net/connect/mens-ministries)



## Bible Studies

### Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Women's study will resume on January 8. We'll begin a new study so if you've been thinking about joining us, now is a great time! Our study this winter and spring will be the book of Psalms, which contains wonderful prayers and praises. We will take a look at select ones for the next several weeks. We meet on Tuesday mornings in the conference room from 9:30 am to just before 11:00 a.m. If you have questions, please contact Michele Schulteis at [mschulteis@verizon.net](mailto:mschulteis@verizon.net).

### Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study

Prayer, fellowship and study in the Library at 7:00am.

### Bible Study

Tom Hacker is leading a Bible study on Saturdays at 8:30 am in Room 300. Everyone is welcome!

### Young Adult Fellowship & Bible Study Group

We meet the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month from 6:00-7:30 pm for study, food, and fellowship. The group is open to anyone in (or around) their 20s. Contact Matthew Siegle at 303-945-9843 or [matthew.siegle@outlook.com](mailto:matthew.siegle@outlook.com) for information.

A promotional banner for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. On the left is a portrait of Dave Ramsey, a smiling man with glasses and a grey beard, wearing a dark suit jacket over a blue shirt. The background is a dark teal color. To the right of the portrait, the text reads: "DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL Peace UNIVERSITY" where "Peace" is in a large, elegant script font. Below this, it says "This changes EVERYTHING! Your money. Your story. Your Life." and "Classes begin January 14. Go to OFLC.net/FPU to register."

## Preschool News



A Brand New Year!

We are excited to get back to learning! The children will discover interesting things about snowflakes!

They will make snowflakes with their painted hands and learn to fold and cut paper to make beautiful patterned flakes. **“Horses” will be trotting through the halls and our little cowboys and cowgirls will decorate their own bandanas to celebrate Rodeo Week. They will “roast” marshmallows over the “campfire” under the “twinkling stars”.**

Registration for fall 2019-2020 will begin soon. Our registration for returning families is Wednesday, January 16, beginning around 7:00am. Alumni, church members and waiting families is Tuesday, January 22, around 8:00am and new families register on Wednesday, January 23 around 8:00am. Please call Alison for more information at 303-779-4910.

Kids are So Cute Corner

The children were up on the stage for the Christmas program. A little girl looked down at the Baby Jesus and exclaimed, **“Oh, that’s that famous baby!”**



## Community News



### Lutheran High School Open House

Are you interested in learning more about Lutheran High? Would you like to meet our teachers and coaches? Please join us for our Winter Open House on Thursday, January 24, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. RSVP on our website at [www.lhsparker.org/openhouse](http://www.lhsparker.org/openhouse).

## Thank You

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that December has come and gone! It seems like just yesterday we were singing *Silent Night*. Did you know that almost 1,900 people worshipped at OFLC between Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – wow!

The old saying "many hands make light work" is certainly true – many hands have worked to prepare and create the worship services you have experienced and I'd like to ask you to join me in thanking God for them and their willingness to serve:

Thank You, God, for Heather Richey and her work with the worship folders and projection plans and all the time spent getting it just right. Thank You, God, for Rick Yeager for all his set up, take down and cleaning. Thank You, God, for Tina Skirde and all her graphic arts work with bulletin covers and projection images.

Thank You, God, for our Acolytes, Altar Guild teams, Assisting Ministers, Healing Ministers, Scripture Readers, Sound and Projection personnel, Ushers, and Worship Arts team who helped lead us in worship, ministered to our spirits, shared God's Word, greeted us with a friendly greeting, and decorated our worship space so beautifully.

Thank You, God, for the members of the Adult Choir, Jubilate Ringers, fortyfive Band, instrumentalists, soloists, and organists, who offered their gift of music to fill our souls with joy and prepare our hearts to hear Your Word.

Thank You, God, for such selfless members who parked off-site so that others could park on the lot.

Thank You, Lord, for such faithful servants to lead in worship and bless our time with the gifts with which you've blessed them. Amen!

In His service,  
Matt Hoehne

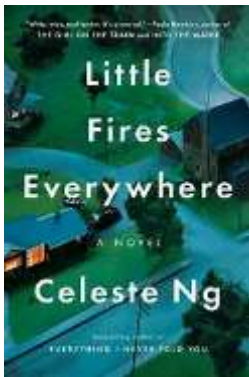
## Fellowship

### Elderberries

Seniors, come to the Community Room on Wednesday, January 16 at 1:00 pm for Christian Fellowship. Snacks are provided. All are welcome.

### Book Club

The Book Club meets Monday, January 21, at 7:00pm in Room 300. We are discussing *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. Any and all readers are invited to join!



## Special Ministries

### Alternative Gift Market

We praise God for the generous response of our congregation for helping the world in its need. We sent off \$12,275 to this worthy cause. Thanks to Megan Hill for organizing this and to all the people who helped with this event.

### Bring in Your Pop Tabs!

Did you know that Our Father collects pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House? The tabs are recycled and the money is used to help fund the house for families staying there. The Ronald McDonald House serves as a "home away from home" for many families whose children are seriously ill and undergoing treatment at a hospital in Denver. All tabs are accepted – soup, pop, anything with a tab. Bring in your tabs and place them in the marked container located on the counter next to the women's restroom on the south side of the church. For more information, contact Marlene Fiser at 303-770-6362.

### Grief Share Meetings Begin

Please remember that our GriefShare Ministry starts on January 7, at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room. If you, or someone you know, has experienced or is experiencing the loss of a loved one and could use some of God's caring love, please consider joining us! Get in touch with Rich Carnahan (303-902-0896) with any questions you might have. God's peace!



## Women's Ministry

### Prayer Sister Luncheon

Our annual Prayer Sister Ministry luncheon is on Sunday, February 10 at 12:00 pm in the Community Room. Sign up at the Reception Desk. Bring a salad to share. If you have questions, please contact Diane Miller at 303-359-5505.



## OFLC Information

### Do You Buy Groceries at King Soopers?

We now have reloadable King Soopers grocery cards. You can buy yours in the office for \$10, then load any amount up to \$500 on the card at the King Soopers customer service counter or at the register BEFORE you start scanning your grocery purchases. You will receive 5% of your purchases deposited into a personal account here at church and you can use those funds to pay for OFLC activities or donate them to the church. This is the same **program we've done in the past, but now you can reuse the same card over and over.** Stop by the office to get your card during office hours or email [info@oflc.net](mailto:info@oflc.net) with questions.

### January Calendar

Please go online to [www.oflc.net](http://www.oflc.net) to see the most current calendar.

### Church Office Closures

The church office will be closed December 31 and January 1.

### DSL Call Update

In January of 2018, our Director of Student Life (DSL) call committee began a search process for a called church worker, who will serve our middle and high school students and their parents. We were led to bring out several candidates for on-site interviews, one of which led to a divine call that was returned by the candidate.

While we are disappointed that this position has not yet been filled, we are continuing to trust that God is leading this process, and are considering filling this position with a DCE intern. However, at this time, there are two more names of candidates who have been submitted to the call committee, and interviews will be conducted soon. As we wait, we would invite you to please continue to pray with us, for wisdom and discernment, and of course patience, as we wait for God's perfect timing to be revealed.

## Poinsettias



Donated By:	In Memory or Celebration of:
Dan & Heidi Herrmann	In celebration of Vivienne Steenbock on her 92 <sup>nd</sup> birthday
Thomas & Kelly Schlapkohl	Jesus!
David & Charlene Sprehe	Lawrence & Dorothy Sprehe, Donald & Cecile MacKinnon
Knight Family	George Knight, Shirley Baffi
LaRetta Flora	Our Savior, Jesus
Rick Johnson & Ann Schaaf	Phyllis & Bobby Johnson
Dale & Edna Bond	Wayne & Esther Bond, Ed & Neva Rand
Margaret Freeman	Ernie Freeman, Manuel & Hilaria Lopez, Myra Freeman
Ken & Carol Hill	In celebration of our family, In memory of Tom Kuebrich
Joanne & Steve Wille	Our Family
Diane Oppenheim	Elmer & Ida Schumacher
Tammy & Greg Youngren	Family & Blessings from Jesus
Jenny Rohy	Nadine Rohy, Walter Rohy, Joyce Mosher
Loren & Kathy Anderson	Loren & George Anderson, Tom Ferris, Ann Ferris, Betty Ferris
Orena Young	In celebration of our newborn King
Doris McNamara	Our departed loved ones; the McNamara, Murphy, Hingsamerand & Stephens families
Herb & Patty Weissenfels	In celebration of Abbie Silverstone

Members In Our Prayers

Attendance					
Worship Services			Sunday School		
12/1	5:00P	87	Adults		111
12/2	8:00A	306	Children	9:30A	73
	10:45A	325	Children	11:00A	25
12/8	5:00P	86	Adults		N/A
12/9	8:00A	228	Children	9:30A	97
	10:45A	406	Children	11:00A	N/A
12/15	5:00P	76	Adults		60
12/16	8:00A	267	Children	9:30A	48
	10:45A	297			
12/23	8:00A	267	Adults		N/A
	10:45A	231	Children	9:30A	N/A
			Children	11:00A	24
12/24	2:00P	148			
	3:30P	336			
	5:00P	800			
	7:00P	363			
	11:00P	134			
12/25	9:00A	98			

Prayers:

Marve Papka, Lester Smith, Candace Daberko, Marleen Wise, Michelle Vogt, Dick Stotler

*Those mourning:* Cookie Knoll and family, at the death of Cookie's mother, Dorothy Schmid.

**Teri Evans and family, at the death of Teri's father,** Reverend Ted Staudacher.

*Rejoice with:* Corbin and Melanie Davis, (and grandparents, Eric and Donna Bame), at the baptism of their daughter, Sofie Lynne Davis.

Hans and Jennifer Gullickson, at the baptism of their son, Nile.

If you are in need of care and prayers, please contact the church office at 303-779-1332.

Altar Flowers



Do you have a special event or remembrance to celebrate? We have many openings for flower sign-up. Cost is \$40 per bouquet and flowers need to be picked up before the following Tuesday morning or they will be donated.

Remember Our Homebound

Jim Fitzjarrell  
Mary Wing  
Stephanie Murray  
Laura Fougner  
Atlanta Dye

Duke Hardeman  
Carol Torscher-Hardeman  
John Nelson  
Elaine Selander  
Donna Miller

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays
Abel, Amelia
Barnes, Dawn
Beach, Cynthia
Becker, Terry
Berckefeldt, Nicole
Berger, Joe
Berghoefler, Jim
Boehnke, Betty
Boehnke, Walt
Boettcher, Darold
Bogh, Ramona
Bond, Angela
Branscomb, Rachael
Brauer, Mike
Brauer, Susie
Brinckman, Dylan
Burkinshaw, Rick
Chambless, Marnie
Cohrs, Adam
Danfelser, Scott
David, Cooper
David, Tim
Dickman, Julianna
Dietz, Michael
Doerr, ArVie
Doolen, Jan
Duesenberg, John
Duffy, Ken
Elmshouser, Noah
Ericson, Sarah

Evert, Lily
Flage, Karen
Franklin, Sarah
Gabor, Isabel
Gabor, Nathan
Gabor, Sara
Gehrke, Asher
Geisler, Betty
Geist, Susan
Grammes, Rachel
Haake, Marissa
Habeck, Jenny
Hacker, Jeremy
Halloran, Sarah
Halpern, Adam
Halpern, Craig
Hart, Teresa
Hemenway, Cameron
Heuchert, Angelina
Hewell, Elisabeth
Hooker Jr., Ken
Houdek, Roger
Huebschmann, Anna
Hueschen, Quinn
Johnson, Rick
Kelly, Anabel
Kercher, Matthew
Kufeldt, Cody
Lien, Kristina
Logan, Jordan

Lyman, Vicki
MacDougall, Jeanine
Macklem, Gabe
Madsen, Emily
Mandell, Mark
Marks, Brianna
Marley, Max
Maus, Ashleigh
McClearn, Vanessa
McGuigan, Dave
Meyer, Chuck
Mosley, Adrienne
Neises, Ashley
Newlander, Cindy
Nyberg, James
Oestmann, Marv
Orton, Randy
Parsons, Mike
Pearce, Mackenzie
Peavler, Jack
Peecher, Halley
Pittenridge, Christine
Rairdon, Ellen
Reiners, Carolyn
Rickaby, Joya
Riggert, Kathy
Robbins, Katelyn
Scherbeck, Sydney
Schmidt, Taylor
Schulteis, Tim
Sherwill, Brandee

Smith, Raquel
Squires, Nathan
Steiner, Amanda
Stephenson, Benjamin
Stewart, Valerie
Traff, Cheryl
Tscheschke, Kade
Weaver, Jack
Weissenfels, Herb
Wilhelmi, Hayden
Winegarden, Spencer
Wise, Marleen
Woodward, Lydia
Wyatt, Ann
Wyatt, John
Young, Jordyn

Anniversaries
Seth & Kelly Albers
Lee & Sara Brandt
Kelly & Melanie Crabbe
Kalend & Missy Muteb
Nicholas & Cheryl Snow
Pat & Maegan Stein





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Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:45 am  
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