



Global Missions

Micah Steiner, Director of Missional Living

Before Jesus' ascent into heaven, He left His followers a fairly daunting task, "**Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**" (Matthew 28:19). Christians for the last 2000 years have taken that command very seriously, and the church that meets at 6335 S. Holly Street is no different. One of the ways we attempt to embody this command is through sacrificial giving. Every year, OFLC tithes 10% of our income to ministries all over the world, praying those dollars will be used by God to bless others, and ultimately fulfill the great commission. Many of these missions are chosen because they also provide an opportunity for members of OFLC to volunteer and thereby make an even greater impact. Last year in 2018, we were blessed to be able to distribute close to \$185,000!

Beneficiaries of these dollars include missionaries, orphanages, the Rocky Mountain District and the Missouri Synod, local food and shelter ministries, Christian counseling services, Lutheran schools, mission congregations, woman empowerment centers in India, adoption services in Denver, transitional housing ministry in Denver, a food and shelter ministry in Mexico, as well as funds to help start the very first Evangelical Lutheran Church in Honduras, a sister denomination to our own (and this is just scratching the surface of all the various ministries we support!) As you read this month's newsletter, you will find opportunities for you as an individual, a couple, and a family to volunteer and participate in the great commission. Please also join us in praising God for His rich blessings, and pray that our collective work as a congregation would continue to help lead more and more people to a saving relationship with Christ.



We Gather In Worship

Ash Wednesday

March 6

12:15 pm and 7:15 pm

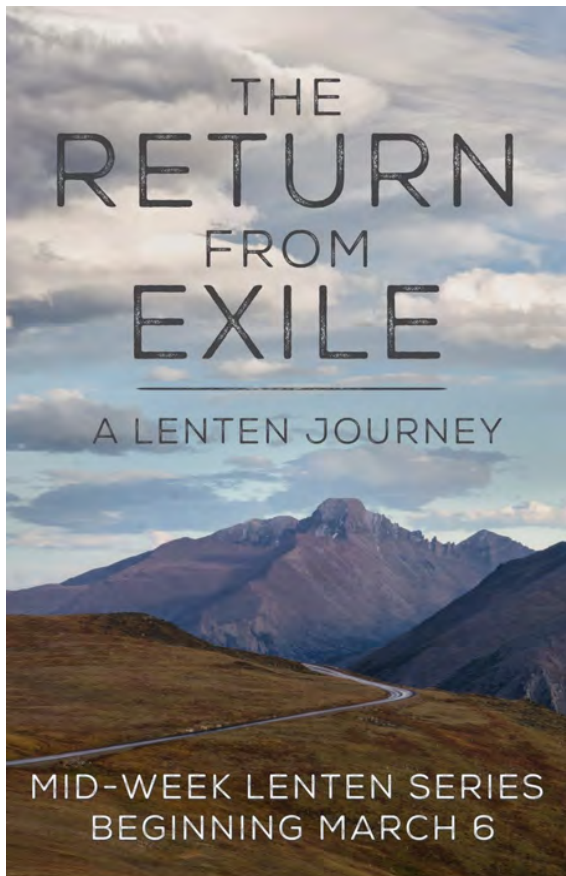
Imposition of Ashes
and Holy Communion

Mid-Week Lenten Services

Wednesdays

March 13 - April 10

7:15 pm



Music Ministry

Handchimes for Elementary Ringers: LENT EDITION

Students in grades 3-8, limited to 11 ringers. Three Wednesday Rehearsals on March 27, April 3, and April 10, from 5:30-6:15 pm. We will lead worship on **Saturday, April 13, 5:00 pm** with a pizza dinner after church. Contact Matt Hoehne for more details or to sign-up: mhoehne@oflc.net

Guest Music Group:

Lake Country Lutheran High School Concert Band

Join us Wednesday, March 20, at 7:15 pm, for mid-week Lenten service with special guests, the Concert Band from Lake Country Lutheran High School, Hartland, WI, under the direction of Becky Garlock. They will present music throughout the service including "Salvation Is Created", "On An American Spiritual" and "Who Puts His Trust in God Most Just." **We are in need of host families for students and chaperones Wednesday night, March 20!** Please indicate your interest on the Yellow Sheets or sign-up at the Reception Desk.

We Grow in Faith

Adult Education

These NEW Classes begin March 3 and run through April 14.

Good and Angry—Understanding, Appreciating and Putting to Good Use what was once considered a deadly sin—taught by Dr. Werner Boos in the **Conference Room**. Definitions, dynamics, styles and functions of anger; management skills, biblical examination of anger, examining Jesus' anger, dealing with anger, and managed anger.

“A Journey Through Lent”—a DVD course by Tim Keller and David Bisgrove, facilitated by Paul Holscher in **Room 300/301** (elevator available.) This study takes us through eight Psalms which help us explore Lenten themes of self-examination, difficulty, and dryness and invite us to make our hearts ready for remembering anew Jesus' death and victory over the darkness of sin and death in His resurrection.

Missional Community Connect Group

Training—Vicar Micah Steiner will lead a training session in the **Fellowship Hall** for anyone interested in participating in or leading a Missional Community Connect Group to launch this fall. What is an MC Connect Group? This is a new way for our congregation to gather in community outside of Sunday mornings, growing in relationships and faith. Connect groups will share meals, pray, study Scripture, and look for ways to reach their communities together. No prior experience necessary and no commitment is made by attending this class.

The Gospel of John—continued class taught by Tom Hacker in the **Chapel** (goes through Aug. 11) In no other Gospel does Jesus, in His “I Am” statements, so emphatically proclaim His divinity. John reveals Christ's message and His miracles. Class runs January 6 – August 11.

Sunday Mornings

9:30 - 10:30 am

Opportunities for all ages! Join classes at any time. Nursery care available for children too young for Sunday School.

Sunday School

Children aged 3 through 5th grade meet in the classrooms downstairs for Sunday School. Visit the welcome center or check the southeast stairwell for class locations.



Additionally, children aged 3 through 3rd grade can join us for **Sprouts** at the 10:45 service during the sermon.

Middle and High School

Middle and High School students gather in their meeting rooms in the lower level each week to study God's word and connect.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School, June 17-21

Registration will open April 20th.



Design Our Easter Bulletin Covers

Attention students Preschool through 8th grade: we are looking for some simple crayon drawings of Jesus' resurrection to use as the bulletin covers and screen images for our Easter services. Deadline to submit original artwork to Heather Richey in the church office is Sunday, April 7th.

Student Ministry

Upcoming Events in Student Ministries

- March 6th - Ash Wednesday. Mid-week lenten services begin. Students attend confirmation or CHAOS from 6:30-7:15 pm, then the service from 7:15-8 pm during Lent.
- March 10th - Breakfast burrito sales for NYG fundraising in the Narthex from 8:45-12 pm.
- Note: There are **no** Wednesday nights that are cancelled due to Spring Break since the school districts have different weeks off this year. We **will** meet both March 27th and April 3rd.
- April 14th - Breakfast burrito sales for NYG fundraising in the Narthex from 8:45-12 pm.
- April 17th - **No confirmation or CHAOS due to Holy Week.**
- April 20th - Easter Breakfast - Volunteers needed! Students attending summer trips can earn money towards their trip. [Sign up online](#)
- April 28th - Mandatory student/parent meeting for those attending the National Youth Gathering this summer.

Winter Retreat

Upcoming Winter Retreat for Middle and High School students at Lutheran Valley Retreat, March 1-3, 2019. Sign up online! Student drop-off is @ 5 pm on Friday afternoon at OFLC, and pick-up is Sunday at 12 pm at OFLC.



Women's Ministry

On February 2 we had a lovely women's brunch featuring speaker Lori Wildenberg. Special thanks to Ashley Neises for chairing the planning committee, and to the committee for providing such excellent food, beautiful decorations, and a fantastic, uplifting educational event that helped us grow in faith together.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Psalms

We continue to move through the book of Psalms. All women are welcome to join us! We meet Tuesday mornings 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in the conference room. **We recently began offering childcare!** If you are interested in joining us, this is a good time to do so because we dig into a few Psalms each week. **We will not meet on March 19.** Please contact Michele Schulteis mschulteis@verizon.net with any questions, or if you will need childcare.

Women's Retreat

Our 27th annual Women's Retreat will be held over Mother's Day weekend, **Friday, May 10 - Saturday, May 11.** This year's speaker is Sarah Salzberg (Twitter: [@un_sarah](https://twitter.com/un_sarah)) with the theme "Tune My Heart," and will be hosted at the Hilton Garden Inn Registration and sign-up coming soon on the [oflc website](#).

Men's Ministry

Saturday Morning Bible Study

Join us for an informal time of prayer, fellowship and study in Room 302, 7:00-8:00 am. Newcomers welcome!

Happy Hour

Join us for fellowship March 21, from 5:00-7:00 pm at Halfpenny Brewery (5150 E Arapahoe Road [map](#)). We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Arkansas River Fishing Trip, April 27-28

2-day, 1-night fishing trip along the Arkansas River near Cañon City. Cost is \$20 which includes camping and a meal (other meals on your own).

[Register and pay here online](#). Questions? Contact Rob at: wis_tex@msn.com



Men's Ministry Breakfast

Saturday, April 13th, 7:30-9:30 @ OFLC

Register online at OFLC.net, Cost: \$5

Guest Speaker: Marty Kohlwey, Director of Campus Ministry at Lutheran High School

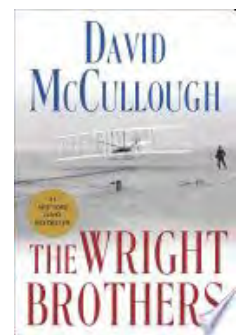
Topic: What in the world does God want me to do?

Many of us have an only a murky understanding of how God has gifted us, and where we can best serve Him in our families, church, neighborhoods, and work. In this presentation, Marty will guide us towards clarity by examining our spiritual gifts, passions, and personal style, then matching those with opportunities to serve God in unique and purposeful ways.

Fellowship

Book Club

The OFLC book club meets on the 3rd Monday of each month (March 18) from 6:00-8:00 pm, in the Community Room. This month's selection will be "**The Wright Brothers**" by **David McCullough**. Contact Elaine Hamburger (elainekham@yahoo.com) for more information.



Elderberries

Seniors, come to the Community Room on Wednesday, March 20, at 1:00 pm for Christian fellowship. Snacks are provided. All are welcome!

Young Adult Fellowship & Bible Study

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 twenties. Contact Matthew Siegle 303-945-9843 or matthew.siegle@outlook.com for information.

Our Father Children's Learning Center

Spring has sprung in the preschool! We celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with lots of his stories, dressing wacky, and pizza parties in the classrooms. The children will learn all about St. Patrick, and Leprechauns will sneak through the classrooms to do a bit of mischief, and leave a trail of shiny shamrocks!

Change is around the corner for the preschool. Ms. Terry and I (Alison Cejka, Preschool Director) will be retiring in May. I have been the director for 18 years and Terry has served as the music teacher and assistant director for over 20 years. We have loved every day with this amazing staff and delightful children.



Ms. Alison



Ms. Terry

Emily Case - Then & Now

The preschool has hired its first alumni! Emily graduated from preschool here at Our Father in 2001. She earned a degree in Elementary Education from University of Northern Colorado this December and has been a wonderful aide for us this semester.



Preschool Sunday

On February 24, the teachers, students, and families from our Preschool joined us at the 10:45am service. We thanked the staff for their hard work and prayed over them. A packed house enjoyed the sweet voices of our preschool students as they enthusiastically sang two songs for us before the much anticipated "cookie party!"



KIDS ARE SO CUTE CORNER

"My dad is allergic to cats because he ate one when he was little!"

We Live God's Mission

Honduras Update from Pastor Abel

For the past five years Our Father has been supporting two growing Lutheran missions in the country of Honduras. One congregation is located in the capital city Tegucigalpa, the other in a town called La Paz about an hour and a half west of the capital. Pastor Abel traveled to Honduras in February and participated in a special missions forum with the leaders of the Honduran church. With the signing of the proper legal documents, on February 2nd at 3:30 in the afternoon,



The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Honduras officially began! Our Father will continue to support the exciting work being done to spread the good news of God's grace to the people of Honduras. We are currently developing plans of sending mission trips as well. Keep the pastors and members of these growing congregations in your prayers. To God alone be the glory!

Short Term Mission Trip Opportunities

For more information, or to express interest in these opportunities, please contact Heidi Herrmann at hherrmann@oflc.net, or 303-779-1332.

India Mission Trip - July 2019

July 22-30, 2019: estimated cost of \$1700-\$2000/person. In support of the ministries of Bethania Kids, which operates two orphanages in Tamil Nadu, located in the southern part of India (www.bethaniakids.org), we will teach English-as-a-second-language (ESL) material, present a Vacation Bible School (VBS) program, and assist local staff. Then, a few days will be spent visiting tourist sites.



Ysleta Alternative Thanksgiving Trip

November 27 - December 1, 2019: mission trip to El Paso, TX and Juarez, Mexico. Cost is \$150/person, or or \$450/family of 3 or more. Volunteers will prepare and serve 1,000 Thanksgiving meals to low-income border communities in El Paso, TX, and Juarez, Mexico. This supports the local staff at the Ysleta Lutheran Mission, by giving them much-needed time off during the Thanksgiving holiday.



Volunteer Opportunities: On Mission Closer to Home

Fellowship Committee Coordinator

Job Description: Help recruit committee members, lead one planning meeting a year, help coordinate three fellowship events/year, help solicit volunteers for events. Term: two years

Requirements: Organized and detail-oriented. Wants to ensure the success of Fellowship events!

Reports to: Micah Steiner. Please email Hherrmann@oflc.net if interested.

F.A.C.E.S. Coordinator

FACES (Faith, Activities, Conversations, Experiences, Service) is a ministry to and with adults with mental or physical disabilities, and is in need of a new coordinator (Thank you Becky Gambardella for many years of faithful service!). If you have a heart for disability ministry, we need your help!

Job Description: Facilitate monthly social events (at OFLC) from September-May, including arts and crafts, inclusive games, music, a devotion/Bible study and snacks. Term: two years.

Requirements: Experience working with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, organizational and communication skills, ability to recruit volunteers.

Reports to: Micah Steiner. Please email Hherrmann@oflc.net if interested.

Support Our Youth by EATING 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 last. 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, **March 10**.



Blood Drives



Thanks from Vitalant (formerly Bonfils) for the donors who gave 16 units of blood on February 10th. Our next blood drive is on June 16th, and that will be the last one for 2019.

Information from the Church Office



Our MARCH To A Strong Finish

After the first of the year, we continue by the grace of God, to MARCH toward a strong finish in our Arise! Campaign, getting us closer to eliminating our property debt.

Mortgage Balance Reduction



Parish Council

By Sandy Clark, Parish Council President

In 2018, a team of members updated our Governing Policies. The 2019 Parish Council Members are tasked with ensuring that we are working within these parameters which were mindfully and prayerfully constructed. One of the first areas we are addressing is regular communication with the congregation. We will submit articles in this newsletter to inform members of our progress and activities. To help you identify Parish Council members in person, the slides used to identify members when we were installed will be shown quarterly in worship (below), and we will be wearing blue name tags. One of the nice aspects of our current council is we have members attending each of the three services regularly - we'd like to hear from you!



Our Father Campus Updates

By Doug Ullmann, Director of Administration and Finance

The installation of double doors in the sanctuary is finally finished. The genesis and rationale behind this project comes from our Risk Management initiatives. Should an emergency or security incident occur in our lobby, there were not adequate options for egress of worshipers out of the sanctuary. This project was aimed to alleviate that concern. The functionality of the doors will primarily be for egress purposes and not an additional entry.



Numerous other projects throughout the campus are being planned for 2019. Most notably, renovations to the staff office area in order to accommodate our growing staff. Additionally, in furtherance of our Risk Management emphasis, a set of double doors will be installed downstairs in the hallway between the Community Room and Great Room, creating a more secure environment for our preschool. Also, additional security cameras are being explored for interior and exterior placement. Lastly, with an eye toward long range planning, our attention is mindful in all areas of our campus, ranging from HVAC improvements to landscape needs to overall physical maintenance.

Organ Fund Update

Many thanks to all who have given above and beyond to the Organ Fund! Phase 1, a new console and electronics package, is fully funded and should be in place by Palm Sunday, April 14. The Pedal Division is nearing completion of the design phase and we have hopes that those new pipes might be installed by December, 2019! Phase 3, the Great Division, is on the horizon for 2020. To contribute to the Organ Fund, simply indicate "Organ Fund" on your giving envelope. Thanks for your continued support!



Calendar Notes

Please visit www.oflc.net to view the full church calendar

Ride The River (RTR) - June 15th, Hudson Gardens. Proceeds help send students and mentors to the National Youth Gathering (NYG) in Minneapolis, and support an inner city youth group in St. Louis, MO.

Vacation Bible School - June 17-21

Voters' Assembly Meeting: Sunday, June 23 at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. On the agenda: adoption of the first fiscal year budget - July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Lutheran Community News

Lutheran High School



The LuHi Theatre Department presents **Disney's Beauty and the Beast**, March 14-17 at the Parker PACE Center. Purchase tickets now at Parkerarts.org.

Welcome Back Cynthia!

With great joy, we welcome back Cynthia Snyder to the office after a prolonged absence. Cynthia has been with Our Father in a receptionist capacity for 10 years. With the changing landscape of our staff, Cynthia will retain receptionist duties but her role has now expanded to provide administrative assistance to our Director of Faith Development, Cassie Schermbeck and our future Director of Student Life. Please be sure to welcome Cynthia back!



Easter Flowers

Beginning the weekend of March 9-10, Easter flower envelopes will be available in the pew pockets and at the Reception Desk. Please consider sponsoring a plant in celebration or memory of someone. \$9.00 each.



Foster Care - Will you Join us?

Each year in Colorado, thousands of kids are unable to live with their biological parents because of abuse or neglect. We need families who can provide temporary care until children reunify with their parent as well as families willing to adopt children and teens in foster care if they can't return to their families. An informal Q & A session for foster care will be held on **March 13 from 12:30-1:30pm and from 5:30-6:30pm** at the LFS

Denver Metro office (363 S. Harlan Street, Suite 105, Denver, 80226). Please register with Anne at anne.hamilton@lfsrm.org or 303-217-5869. One-on-one meetings can also be arranged to work around your busy schedule.

LFS Annual Gala

Mark your calendars for LFS' 25th Annual Gala on April 26! The LFS Gala is our premier fundraising event which features a night of dinner, entertainment, an auction, and companionship. **Silent auction item donations are still needed**—can you or a group of friends put together a gift basket, or donate a gift certificate or item to help raise funds for our human service programs? For more information or to schedule a pick-up, contact Katie Scherr at katie.scherr@lfsrm.org.

The Lutheran Choral presents “St. John Passion”

by Bob Chilcot, a moving piece using modern hymns to present the story of the Passion. A Free-Will donation will be collected, and bring a non-perishable donation for the Metro Caring Food Bank. More information is available at www.thelutheranchorage.org.



Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

Bethany Lutheran Church, [4500 E. Hampden Ave, Cherry Hills Village, CO](#).

Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 3:00 pm.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, [2100 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood](#).

Members In Our Prayers

Praying for:

Jan Burmeister, Rachel Strobeck, Carole Kramer, Debbie Benson, Tim Ortmeier, Larry Welsh, Dale Bond, Laura Fougner, Michelle Vogt, ArVie Doerr

Mourning with:

Carole Torscher-Hardeman and family, as they grieve the death of Carol's husband, Duke Hardeman.

Rejoicing with:

Jon and Kate Palmquist, at the baptism of their daughter, Rachel Lucy.

Tiffany and Kyle Kinder at the baptism of Kyle and their son, Ryker.

John and Ann Wyatt at the baptism of their son, Rex.

Remember Our Homebound:

Jim Fitzjarrell, Carol Torscher-Hardeman, Laura Fougner, Atlanta Dye, Stephanie Murray, John Nelson, Elaine Selander, Donna Miller, Alvin Baumbach.

Are YOU in need of prayer or care?

Don't forget about our various Care Ministries. Find out more on the [OFLC website](#).

Birthdays

Afman, Emma
 Afman, Zoe
 Anderson, Loren
 Baumbach, Al
 Becker, Elle
 Bergstrom, Terry
 Braun, David
 Braun, Sophie
 Chandrasekar, Samuel
 Devaraj
 Combelleck, Vernie
 Cornell, Bryton
 Crome, Alan
 Dailey, Natalie
 Dara, Indu
 David, Jen
 Davis, Melissa
 Dickinson, Charlie
 Dickman, Jen

Duncan, Karla
 Durr, Cindy
 Evans, Luke
 Evert, Duncan
 Fanos, Hannah
 Fields, Tom
 Fougner, Laura
 Franklin, Anne
 Galuzzi, Matt
 Gentes, Anthony
 Geurts, Phoebe
 Griffin, Mike
 Groninger, Carol
 Grunt, Jaime
 Hacker, Tom
 Hart, Allison
 Hart, Charles
 Hart, Landon
 Hartwig, Timothy
 Heintz, Corey
 Herre, Sutton
 Hewell, David

Hinchey, Alexis
 Hoehne, Bekah
 Hoehne, Ellie
 Hoehne, Katie
 Hoffarth, Becky
 Holscher, Paul
 Hon, Rick
 Kean, Bonnie
 Kean, Jerry
 Kidston, Sean
 Kinney, Chris
 Kjellsen, Cathy
 Knoll, Cookie
 Kopp, Peter
 Kramer, Lee
 Krause, James
 Krause, Zach
 Lester, Nathan
 Lujan, Lauren
 Meissner, Elijah
 Meske, Lucia
 Mickus, Susan

Ness, Daniel
 Nielsen, Mark
 Noon, Lauren
 Olson, Robert
 Orcutt, Jamie
 Orton, Teryn
 Palmquist, Annika
 Parker, Kira
 Preyer, Amy
 Recob, Debbie
 Roe, Pauliina
 Rohrig, Charlotte
 Schlagel, Eli
 Schmidt, Kurt
 Schroder, Paul
 Schwartz, Cael
 Shorey, August
 Shorey, Raleigh
 Siegle, Leigh Ann
 Steiner, Micah
 Strom, Ellen
 Verdoorn, Paula

Wallace, Emily
 Watry, Danielle
 Wetzstein, Sandy
 Wille, Joanne
 Zettel, Esta
 Zoeller, Clive

Anniversaries

Nathan & Sara Gabor
 David & Rebecca
 Hewell
 Paul & Jean King
 Al & Terri Link
 Mark & Kari Mandell
 Bill & Cheri Phelps
 Perry & Tammi
 Schellpfeffer
 Orville & Ardis Smith
 Derek & Christene
 Woodward
 John & Ann Wyatt

Our Father Lutheran Church

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 Rev. Dr. Werner K. Boos, Pastoral Counselor,
 303-741-5588, ext. 112
 Prayer Chain: prayerchainoflc@gmail.com

Worship Services

Saturday: 5:00 pm, Sunday: 8:00 & 10:45 am
 Education Hour & Sunday School: 9:30

Our Father Children's Learning Center

Alison Cejka, Director, 303-779-4910

