



Monthly Connection

April 2019

Welcome to our new Director of Student Life, Courtney Limmer

By Cassie Schermbeck, Director of Faith Development

Please join us in welcoming Courtney and Aaron Limmer to Colorado! DCE Courtney Limmer will be installed as Director of Student Life the first weekend in April. God has answered our prayer for a called minister to serve our 7th-12th grade students and ministries.

Courtney was born in Plano, Texas, has a twin brother and an older brother, and a dad who is a second career pastor. He moved his young family to St. Louis to study the ministry, a time that Courtney remembers fondly. He served in Janesville, Wisconsin, where she “mostly” grew up after moving around a bit, and his family accepted a call to Columbus, Nebraska, late in Courtney’s high school career, a move she was not happy with at the time, but now attributes discerning the call to vocational ministry, for which she is very grateful. Courtney studied Christian Education and Theology at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, where she earned her DCE certificate and a minor in worship arts, and met her husband Aaron.



Aaron was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and grew up in Wausau, Wisconsin. His parents moved to Houston, Texas, while he was in college at Seward earning his teaching certificate for secondary education in physical education and social studies. Aaron taught in Houston before he and Courtney got married and moved to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, for her DCE Internship.

Courtney served at Peace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire in student ministry for three years. Courtney likes tea and Aaron likes coffee but they both enjoy friends, exploring, travel, games and people. We feel so blessed and thankful to the Lord for bringing Courtney and Aaron into our church family!



We Grow in Faith

Interested in joining our church family?

The Spring session of our New Member Program will be starting soon! This two-part program will meet during the Adult Education hour each Sunday from 9:30-10:30 am. Contact Heidi Herrmann at the church offices at 303-779-1332, or email hherrmann@oflc.net, if you are interested in participating or have any questions.

Part One: Introduction to Lutheranism, April 28 – May 19 Explore the basics of the Christian faith through Lutheran eyes. This class is for new members, prospective members, and anyone else who might be interested.

Adult Education

These classes run through April 14. Our next series of Adult Education classes will begin on April 28. Watch for new class descriptions in the Weekly E-Blast.

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**.

“A Journey Through Lent”—a DVD course by Tim Keller and David Bisgrove, facilitated by Paul Holscher in **Room 300/301** (elevator available.) Eight Psalms help us explore Lenten themes and invite us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus’ death and victory over 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. This will be a new way for our congregation to gather in community outside of Sunday mornings, growing in relationships and faith.

**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.

Part Two: New Member Orientation, May 26 – June 16. Hear about the vision and mission of Our Father, connect with current members, and grow in the faith as you become part of our family.

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 School

Children aged 3 through 6th 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.

Vacation Bible School

June 17-21

Registration will open April 20th

Sign up online to reserve your spot:

oflc.net/ubs



Student Ministry

Upcoming Events in Student Ministries

- April 6-7: Courtney Limmer's Installation at all services. Congregational reception in the Fellowship Hall from 9:15 - 9:45 am, and **Youth Reception for 7th-12th graders in the High School Youth Room from 10:00 - 10:30 am on Sunday**
- April 14: Breakfast **Burrito sales** from 8:45 -12:00 pm, **Middle School Breakout @ OFLC** from 12:00 - 2:00 pm (drop-off and pick-up is at OFLC).
- April 17: **No confirmation or CHAOS** (Holy Week Services)
- April 20: **Easter breakfast preparation** run by students and parents from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.
- April 21: **Easter Breakfast**. Parents and students volunteer to help from 8:30 - 12:00 pm.
- April 28: **Mandatory National Youth Gathering Student/Parent Meeting** at 12:00 pm downstairs in the HS Youth Room.
- May 5: **End of the Year Middle School Barbecue** from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.
- May 8: **Last day of confirmation and CHAOS**

Women's Ministry



Women's Retreat

The annual Women's Retreat will be held on Mother's Day weekend, **Friday, May 10 - Saturday, May 11**. This year's speaker is Sarah Salzberg, and the theme is "**Tune My Heart**." It will be hosted at the [Hilton Garden Inn Meridian](#). Registration and sign-up coming soon on the [oflc website](#).

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Psalms

All women are invited to join us. This is a great study to pop in at any time as each week we cover different Psalms. We meet at 9:30 am on Tuesdays in the conference room (old nursery). Child care is available. Contact Michele Schulteis at mschulteis@verizon.net.

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 April 25 (NOTE: Date change this month due to Holy Week), 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 am @ 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 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 (April 15) from 6:00-8:00 pm, in the Community Room. This month's selection will be **"our endless numbered days"** by Claire Fuller. Contact Elaine Hamburger (elainekham@yahoo.com) for more information.

Elderberries

The Elderberries group is having lunch on April 17, at the Black Eyed Pea at 5180 South Broadway at 11:30 am. Come join us. For headcount, please RSVP to Ardis Smith at 303-694-2149 or email ardissmith10@gmail.com

Young Adult Fellowship

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.

Our Father Children's Learning Center

SPRING SHOWERS & SUNSHINE!

By Alison Cejka, Preschool Director

We are so excited to learn about Easter! The preschoolers will make beautiful crosses and hunt over 1,000 Easter Eggs. We are learning all about spring. We are planting flowers, watching them grow and talking about all the parts of a plant. We are discovering where rain (and snow) comes from. "Frog Fun" is "jumping" all over the preschool as we find out about frogs and the amazing things they can do. We wish you all a peaceful spring!

KIDS ARE SO CUTE CORNER

The young three-year-olds were reading a story about Easter. At the end of the story, the teacher exclaimed, "He is risen, He is risen!" A little guy looked puzzled and asked,

"So...who is a raisin?"

We Live God's Mission

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. Supports Bethania Kids in southern India (www.bethaniakids.org).



Ysleta Alternative Thanksgiving Trip

November 27 - December 1, 2019: mission trip to El Paso, TX and Juarez, Mexico. Cost is \$150/person, or \$450/family of 3 or more. Prepare and serve 1,000 Thanksgiving meals in El Paso, TX, and Juarez, Mexico, supporting local staff at the Ysleta Lutheran Mission.



Volunteer Opportunities: On Mission Closer to Home

Please email Hherrmann@oflc.net if interested in either of these coordinator positions!

Fellowship Committee Coordinator

Help recruit committee members, lead annual planning meeting, coordinate three fellowship events per year, solicit volunteers for events.

F.A.C.E.S. Coordinator

FACES (Faith, Activities, Conversations, Experiences, Service) is a ministry to and with adults with mental or physical disabilities. Facilitate monthly social events (at OFLC) from September-May, including arts and crafts, inclusive games, music, a devotion/Bible study and snacks. Hherrmann@oflc.net if interested.

Support Our Youth by EATING BURRITOS!



Student Ministries will be selling Casa Caliente burritos on **April 14 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.

Strikes for Scholarships!

The Donald F. Hinchey Scholarship Fund

One way in which OFLC lives out Christ's command to "go and make disciples of all nations" is by supporting those who have a calling to various ministries. The Donald F. Hinchey Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance for the education of church workers in memory of OFLC's founding pastor. This year, in lieu of the golf tournament you may have grown accustomed to, the scholarship board presents a

BOWLING TOURNAMENT on Saturday, May 18 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the [Arapahoe Bowling Center](http://www.arapahoebowlingcenter.com).

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Cost is \$15 per person. For more information and to sign up, please visit <https://www.ourfatherlutheran.net/give/hinchey-scholarship/>

King Soopers Rewards Made Easy!

Re-loadable fundraising gift cards will soon be discontinued, and replaced with this even easier option! Every time you swipe your loyalty card or enter your alternate ID, you can benefit Our Father. Log in to your account at www.kingsoopers.com, choose the Community Rewards program, and search for Our Father Lutheran Church or enter code: **YT956**. The amount we earn depends on how many people participate, so sign up now and help Our Father!

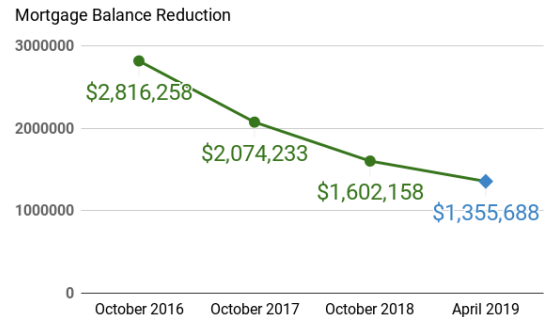
Information from the Church Office



Arise Campaign Update

Our Father has arisen to the occasion to eliminate our mortgage debt. Let's continue a strong push

to the end. Thank you for all the prayer and financial support for this campaign.



Our Father Campus Updates



By Doug Ullmann, Director of Administration & Finance

Construction is apace at Our Father, if all the holes in the walls and noise during the week hasn't given it away. Why all the changes? By the grace of God, our ministry grows at Our Father, and along with it so does our staff and the need for more office space. This includes the creation of an office for our Director of Student Life, and the repurposing of existing office space for current and future needs. Music storage is undergoing renovation to expand capacity and for a station to create and edit live streaming of worship services.

Annual Spring Clean Up - Volunteers needed soon!

Projects are still being planned for our annual spring cleanup, but we are not quite ready to begin. Stay tuned!

OFLC FINANCIAL SUMMARY THROUGH MARCH 31, 2019

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
General Offerings	\$ 338,960	\$ 357,000
Program Income & Designated Gifts	<u>39,379</u>	<u>37,438</u>
Total Income	<u>378,339</u>	<u>394,438</u>
Expenditures	<u>(404,360)</u>	<u>(428,561)</u>
Excess (Expense)	\$ (26,021)	\$ (34,123)

Easter Flowers

Easter flower envelopes are available in the pew pockets and at the Reception Desk. Please consider sponsoring a plant in celebration or memory of someone. \$9.00 each.

Questions or comments may be directed to Doug Ullmann, Director of Administration and Finance at dullmann@oflc.net. A more detailed financial report is available upon request.

Security Team - Volunteers Needed

Churches are not immune from intrusion of the devil and harm he seeks to inflict; spiritually, physically or emotionally. This group's aim is to physically protect members and guests during their time on campus for worship services, youth, or special events. Our team is comprised of volunteers, with varying degrees of skill, experience and knowledge in personal protection, law enforcement and security. Volunteers are expected to fulfill specific training expectations. **We are in need of more team members.** If you are interested and would like to learn more about this role and obtaining an application, please contact the team's director, Rick Johnson at rick@denverpi.com.

Bylaw Review and Updates

Recently, a Parish Council Bylaw Review committee was tasked with conducting a review of OFLC's Bylaws, and making updates that will ensure

Calendar Notes

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

June 15 - Ride The River (RTR) Hudson Gardens.

June 16 - Blood Drive

Lutheran Community News

Lutheran High School

Youth Summer Camp registration is open. Art, Music, Theatre, Robotics, Computer Programming for grades 4-12. Register: www.lhsparker.org/summer

Lutheran Family Services Annual Gala

LFS' 25th Annual Gala will be held April 26, visit www.lfsrm.org for info.

Members In Our Prayers

Praying for:

Cindy Windfield, Sandy Tesch, Dick Stotler, Larry Welsh, Michelle Vogts, Carole Kramer

Mourning with:

*Karen Crosier and family, as they mourn the sudden death of Karen's brother, Scott.

*Patrick Allen and family, as they grieve the loss of Patrick's brother, George.

*Dave and Sara Rhode and family, as they grieve the loss of Dave's mom, Delores.

*Karla Duncan and family, as they mourn the loss of Karla's brother, Ken Detert.

*Sally Burch, as she mourns the loss of her sister, Nancy Mogan.

Rejoicing:

*With Christopher Strain and Heather Woods at the baptism of their son, Silas Christopher.

*At the installation of Courtney Limmer, our New Director of Student Life, which will take place the weekend of April 6-7. Prayers for Courtney and her husband, Aaron, as they settle into their new place, and as Courtney begins her ministry with the students of OFLC.

consistency with the Governing Policies that were approved in June of 2018. This will be presented to the Parish Council for approval, and available on the OFLC website for congregant members to review prior to a Voters' Assembly on June 23, where the updates will be slated for adoption. If there are questions in the meantime, please contact Doug Ullmann at dullmann@oflc.net.

Columbarium: Memorial Bricks

Plans are underway for new flooring and for improving the ambiance of the Columbarium this summer, as the floor has shifted over time and needs to be renovated. The memorial bricks have been removed: original purchasers or family members who wish to have their memorial brick may pick them up April 6 through May 5 in the entrance area of the Columbarium. Please direct any questions to the church mailboxes of Andy Ottinger or John Rinas.

June 17-21 - Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 23 - Voters' Assembly Meeting, 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

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](#).

<p>Birthdays</p> <p>Albers, Amy Albertsen, Brittnee Albertsen, Jacquie Allen, Susan Angus, Phillip Angus, Rosalie Babby, Mitsie Babby, Steve Bame, Donna Bates, Siri Beach, Colt Binder, Ally Blett, Cassidy Blomenberg, Mary Blomenberg, Paul Boker, Jake Boker, Jisele Borchelt, Jeff Chitwood, Doug Cohrs, Abby Crome, Jean Cunningham, Ken</p>	<p>Dailey, Logan DeMonbrun, Elliana Elmshauer, Luke Evans, Grant Fischer, Georgie Galuzzi, Jill Gambardella Sr., Mark Gehrke, Dan Grammes, Michael Gullickson, Hans Haag, Jonathan Haag, Stephan Harm, Janet Hart, Adam Hart, Grace Haselhorst, Travis Hill, Ken Hinrichs, Jody Hoehne, Jodi Holtschlag, Robert Huebner, Ava Huebner, Eleanor Huebner, Kirsten Huebschmann, Amy Jasurda, Logan Johnson, Cindy</p>	<p>King, Paul Kinney, C.J. Knippenberg, Janine Knippenberg, Megan Koeller, Renee Kohlwey, Sue Koontz, Diane Kozker, Elijah Kramer, Carole Kurth, Rachel Link, Al Mapp, Buddy Mericle, Ann Moore, Vance Morgan, James Muggenthaler, August Muteb, Kalend Neises, Jeff Nelson, Sandy Ness, Samuel Ness, Sara Newton, Christi O'Neill, Joyce Orton, Kristine</p>	<p>Papka, Kim Parker, Teag Patella, Allison Patella, Sam Peecher, Zack Peregoy, Nathan Phelps, Cheri Raether, Morgan Rechsteiner, Carrie Remon, Harold Robbins, Clark Rolf, Addison Rolf, Kate Rolf, Stephanie Rowlett, Lu Ann Schlagel, Ryker Schroder, Jeanie Siegle, James Souther, Stefany Stotler, Dick Stotler, Jeff Strain, Joan Torscher-Hardeman, Carol Turner, John Ullmann, Jeff</p>	<p>Wagenknecht, Mandy Wedow, Ruth Wicke, Kathleen Woodward, Brady Woodward, Christene Woodward, Derek Young, Tanya Zoeller, Matt</p> <p>Anniversaries</p> <p>Gary & Angela Bond Chris & Melissa Davis Mark & Becky Gambardella Sr. Rex & Jane Gossett Robert & Pat Holtschlag Randal & Lucia Meske Dave & Rena Michael Alex & Kelly Muggenthaler Andy & Helen Ottinger Jon & Debra Spors Steve & Joanne Wille</p>
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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