

Your Pathway to Extraordinary Life in Christ

Our Father exists to glorify God by “Helping ordinary people know and share extraordinary life in Christ.” In order to accomplish this mission we have developed a simple strategy map which shows a clear pathway for growing as a follower of Jesus.



WE GATHER IN WORSHIP (Matt Hoehne, Director of Worship)

Worship stands at the center of our life of faith. While we offer both traditional and contemporary worship services, both forms hold fundamental things in common. Central to our worship life is the presence of God through word and sacrament. When we gather for corporate worship, the “now” of our lives today comes together with the “not yet” of heaven to come. In the divine service God is already waiting for us, eager to be with us, to bless us, to remind us of his great love for us, all because of Jesus our Savior.

Develop a weekly rhythm of worship. Learn practical ways to prepare for the divine service. Take the gifts given by God in worship (mercy, love, compassion, forgiveness) and share with others.



WE GROW IN FAITH (Director of Faith Development, Cassie Schermbeck)

The way in which we grow in the Christian life is the same way we enter it – by receiving Jesus and relying on what He has done for us by His grace. That is why we are devoted to helping one another use the means which God has given us to promote our growth in Christ-likeness. Along with regular weekly worship, we affirm that deep, lasting change occurs by studying the Bible and learning practical techniques for knowing and sharing Christ.

Regularly attend Sunday morning Bible study. Complete our new theological curriculum. Develop a daily rhythm of self-study and prayer.



WE LIVE GOD'S MISSION (Director of Missional Living, Vicar Micah Steiner)

We believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ is true, and that it therefore cannot be kept to ourselves. We are committed to thoughtfully and respectfully communicating this good news through the words we speak, the deeds we perform, and the community we embody so that we might give others the opportunity to discover the true story of God's grace.

Participate in short-term mission trips. Belong to a missional community. Receive training to live God's mission in everyday life.



Leading up to our celebration of Pentecost, we will learn more about these three areas of ministry in a special sermon series entitled “Extraordinary Life.” At Our Father we know that life is busy. There are constant demands on our time, and seemingly countless options to choose from. Our strategy map is designed to be a simple pathway for you and your family to **experience less “activities” and more “life.”**

To God alone be the glory!

Pastor Scott Abel



We Gather in Worship

Handchimes for Elementary Ringers

Attention students entering **grades 3 – 8** in the fall of 2019! Learn how to play handchimes after VBS!

From **June 17 to 21**, bring your own lunch and beverage, and eat with Mr. H at 12:05 pm (after VBS), and then have rehearsal 12:30 - 1:30pm. On **Sunday, June 23**, we will play the pre-service music at the 10:45 am service. Space is limited to 14 ringers – register by emailing Matt Hoehne at mhoehne@oflc.net.



We Grow in Faith

Adult Education

Join us each Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 for our Education Hour. This next series of Adult Education classes began on April 28 and runs through June 16.

An Introduction to Lutheranism - A four-session class taught by Pastor Abel is offered in the Fellowship Hall for new members, prospective members, or anyone who wants to participate. These Sunday sessions are designed to explore the basics of the Christian faith through Lutheran eyes and can lead to membership at Our Father if you so choose. We would love to have you come and be a part of this journey! This class meets April 28 – May 19 and will be followed by the New Member Class May 26 – June 16. New Members will be received during services on June 23.

House or Home - This parenting course published by Chip Ingram, will be led by Philip and Sara Winkler in **Room 300/301**. Our most exhilarating joys and agonizing sorrows will likely come from the same source . . . our children! One of the greatest stewardship responsibilities you will ever undertake is rearing them to be mature, responsible, followers of Jesus. To say that parenting is a great challenge is a vast understatement. With so many competing ideas and philosophies, it is easy to feel

overwhelmed and paralyzed. This feeling is amplified by the fact that so many parents grew up in broken, dysfunctional families. But there is HOPE. In the midst of all the noise about parenting, let's explore what God has to say in Scripture in timeless truths that still work today.

Jeremiah - led by Curt Becker in the **Conference Room**. The Book of Jeremiah is the longest prophetic book in the OT. He is often regarded as the greatest of the Hebrew prophets, and the people of Jesus' day often identified Jesus with Jeremiah. Jeremiah had a profound effect on the future development of both Judaism and Christianity. Come and explore the life, times, and ministry of the remarkable Old Testament prophet. **(May 5 – June 16)**

The Gospel of John - continued class taught by Tom Hacker in the **Chapel**. 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.

NURSERY CARE
Every Sunday from
7:45am - 12:15 pm, we offer
nursery care for infants
through 4 year olds.

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.



Vacation Bible School
June 17-21

Student Ministry

Annual Middle School BBQ

Attention 6th, 7th and 8th graders! You and your families are invited to our Annual Middle School BBQ! We'll have an afternoon of food, fellowship, inflatable obstacle courses, and games, as we welcome 6th grade families joining middle school ministry and say farewell to the 8th graders moving on to High School ministry. We'll also have a short meeting for parents regarding expectations, staff changes, and summer ministry plans!

Sunday, May 5th from 1-3 PM at Micah Steiner's House (3825 E Easter Pl, Centennial Colorado 80122). Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

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.



VBS Registration:

VBS is almost full! If you would like to be put on a waiting list, please email Joey Schilling at jschilling@oflc.net.

VBS Volunteers:

We still need a few more VBS volunteers. Please sign up at oflc.net/vbs to choose your position.

Volunteer Training:

Training for all volunteers **age 15 and up** on Sunday, May 5 from 12:00-3:00 pm, pizza lunch provided.

Training for volunteers **under age 15** on Friday, June 14 from 1:30-2:30 pm

VBS Decorating:

All VBS volunteers are needed to help decorate on **Friday, June 14, from 2:30-3:30 pm.**

Additional volunteers needed to help decorate the main stage on **Sunday, June 16**, after tenfortyfive service.

May Wednesday Night Schedule

May 1 – Confirmation & CHAOS

May 8 – Confirmation & CHAOS

May 15 & 22 – **No** Student Ministry Programming

May 29 – Summer Nights Kickoff for middle & high school

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE YOUTH!

A big thank you to everyone who has supported OFLC's student ministry this year with both breakfast burrito sales and the Easter breakfast, where the youth served food to over 500 people! Everyone involved in student ministry has been blown away by your financial support, encouragement, and prayers.



Honoring Our Graduates From High School & College

We would like to congratulate our graduates in our June Newsletter. Please email Cynthia Snyder at csnyder@oflc.net with the graduate's information or fill out a form at the Reception Desk by May 24.



Thank you from the Limmers!

Aaron and I are so thankful to everyone at OFLC who has welcomed us, blessed us with gift cards, prayed for us, and encouraged us as we've become a part of the Our Father family! We already love this community and can't wait to see what God has in store for us and for student ministry here! – Courtney Limmer, Director of Student Life

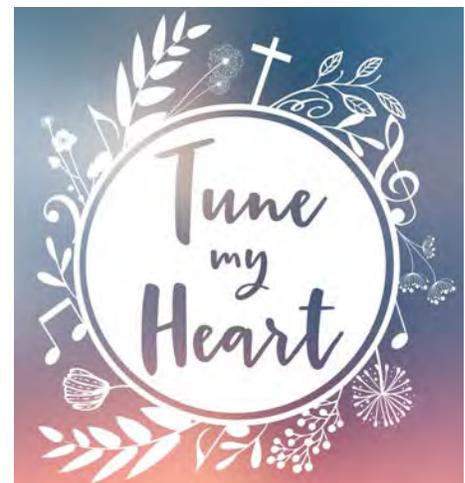


Courtney Limmer was installed as OFLC's new Director of Student Ministry in April. They were welcomed with a warm reception and various Colorado gear to help them feel at home!

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](#). Our service project this year benefits Children's Hospital and their work to bring hope and healing to children through a variety of ways, including music. For a list of items to donate, visit the [Women's Ministries page](#) online.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Psalms

We are wrapping up our study of the book of Psalms. What a treasure this book has been to study together! We will finish the year with our annual potluck brunch on **Tuesday, May 7**. (Please note this is a week earlier than originally planned.) If you haven't been around for a while, we'd love to have you join us for our brunch. Questions? 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!

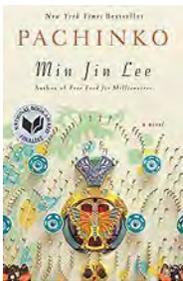


Happy Hour

In lieu of this month's happy hour, join us instead for our annual **Spring Cleaning Event**. This month, we'll meet at church anytime between **5:00 - 8:00 pm on May 16th**, to do some manual labor around the property, and then celebrate with some (free!) beer/soda in the parking lot.

Book Club

The OFLC book club meets on the 3rd Monday of each month (May 19) from 6:00-8:00 pm, in the Community Room. This month's selection will be National Book Award Finalist **"Pachinko"** by Min Jin Lee. Contact Elaine Hamburger (elainekham@yahoo.com) for more information.



Elderberries

Want to know more about our OFLC Benevolence recipients and the Church's Columbarium? Come **May 15th, at 1:00 pm** in the Community Room, where Denny Harthun (Benevolence) and John Rinas (Columbarium) will present.



Young Adults

Join the Young Adult Group this spring for a study on apologetics, where we discuss how to reason through and defend our faith. We meet the **first and third Tuesday evenings of each month from 6-8pm** for dinner, study, 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 for more information.

Our Father Children's Learning Center

SPRING SHOWERS & SUNSHINE!

By Alison Cejka, Preschool Director

May has arrived with beautiful flowers and wonderful weather! We will have two water days filled with splashing, "painting", slipping and sliding. We will make giant bubbles and draw great pictures on the sidewalks. The water tables will be filled with boats and fun stuff to measure and pour! We will make beautiful gifts for our moms and early Father's Day gifts for our dads.

Graduation for our four and five-year olds will be on May 15th and 16th. Family picnics will be held for everyone! These will be our final days of school.

A special thank you to all the church staff for their wonderful chapels every week. We learned so much about Jesus! I feel so blessed to have been a part of the preschool for 18 years! As I retire in May, I will miss this wonderful staff and delightful families. I wish you all a restful and fun summer!

Blessings,
Alison Cejka, Preschool Director

KIDS ARE SO CUTE CORNER

A cute little three-year-old exclaimed, "I am going to give Jesus a present!" The teacher asked, "What is your present going to be?" He answered, "A hug!"

We Live God's Mission

Called to Serve? Join the OFLC team!

We're seeking talented people with high character and high competence to join our family on mission. Please visit ourfatherlutheran.net/jobs/ to view the full job descriptions and for information on how to apply. Specifically, we are in search of a **Communications Specialist** and **Contemporary Worship Leader**.

The **Communications Specialist** is a part-time position (25 hrs/wk) and will be responsible for all print and digital communications. They will play a central role in the rollout of our new logos that communicates the story, vision and mission of Our Father Lutheran Church.

As our church grows, we find the need for a dedicated **Contemporary Worship Leader** on staff. Through leadership, support, sacrifice, love and service, the CWL will specialize in growing God's people in their faith, service, and outreach through the contemporary worship and music ministries.

Volunteer Opportunities

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.





OFLC Campus Annual Spring Cleaning

Calling all able and willing adults and older youth to serve during our annual spring cleaning and sprucing of the OFLC campus (aka, Work Day). Two service opportunities are available this year, **Saturday, May 11, 8:00am - 1:00pm** or **Thursday, May 16, 5:00pm - 8:30pm**. Projects will be all throughout the property, inside and out. Please go to oflc.net/administration to sign up or visit the receptionist desk.

Support Our Youth by EATING BURRITOS!

Student Ministries will be selling Casa Caliente burritos **Sunday, May 12 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/refrigerated.



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STRIKES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Mark your calendars for the

Hinchey Scholarship for Church Workers Weekend

May 18-19

How to get involved:

- Register as an individual or team for the **bowling event** at Arapahoe Bowling Center on Saturday, May 18 from 10:00am-12:00pm (More info online: <https://www.ourfatherlutheran.net/give/hinchey-scholarship/>),
- **Promote your business** and support the scholarship fund by being a **table sponsor** at the bowling event,
- Not a bowler? Come to the bowling event for a **raffle and socializing**.
- Visit with Pr. Don and Margaret Hinchey and supporters of the scholarship fund at a **Happy Hour in the Fellowship Hall** from 6:00-7:30pm on Saturday, 5/18.

Contact Kevin Chambless (720-273-1421) or Jen Dietz (720-810-1727) for details.

Support Student Ministries at Ride The River!



Ride the River is an annual event that gathers members of our church community and beyond for fun, exercise, the beauty of the outdoors, and a great cause – Student Ministries. It’s a family-friendly bike ride with options for biking enthusiasts, as well as runners/walkers, all with the beauty of Hudson Gardens as the backdrop. For more information and to register, visit GoRTR.org, and check out our promo videos [here!](#)

Support OFLC with your shopping

King Soopers: Community Rewards

Fundraising gift cards are being discontinued and replaced with the **Community Rewards** program. Log in to your Sooper card account at www.kingsoopers.com, select the Community Rewards program: search for Our Father Lutheran Church or enter code **YT956**.

Now, you will benefit OFLC every time you scan your card or enter your Alternate ID. Easy!



Amazon Smile: Designate OFLC as your charity!

Are you an Amazon Prime member? Designate Our Father Lutheran Church as your charity and simply use smile.amazon.com each time you checkout. More info is available online about the [Amazon Smile program](#).



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).



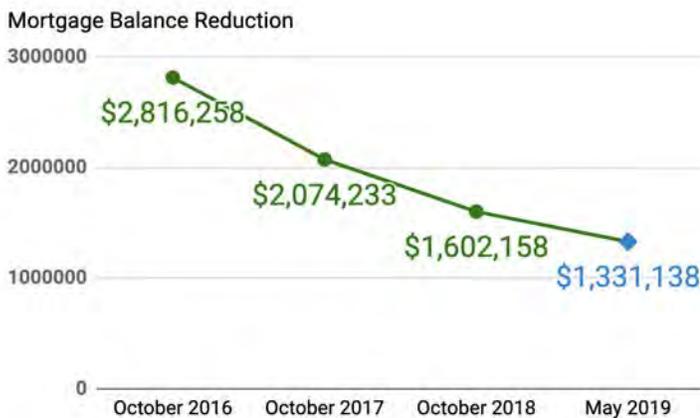
Ysleta Alternative Thanksgiving Trip

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.



Information from the Church Office

Arise Campaign Update



Our Father continues work to eliminate our mortgage debt, clearing almost \$50,000 just since March of this year. Let's continue a strong push to the end! Thank you for all the prayer and financial support for this campaign.



Security Team - Volunteers Needed

We are in need of more team members for the Security Team. Volunteers are expected to fulfill specific training expectations. 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.

Columbarium: Memorial Bricks

As renovation nears, memorial bricks have been removed. Original purchasers or family members who wish to have their memorial brick may pick them up through May 5 in the entrance area of the Columbarium. Please direct any questions to the church mailboxes of Andy Ottinger or John Rinas.

Bylaw Review and Updates

A Parish Council Task Force has been hard at work conducting a complete review of the Bylaws of OFLC and presented their recommendation for revisions at the April 16th Parish Council meeting. The Bylaws need an update because several areas are out of date with the way OFLC functions and there are important items that are ambiguous or don't exist. The full Parish Council is currently in the process of carefully reviewing the Task Force's recommendation. Once the Parish Council reaches agreement on the revisions they will be posted on the OFLC website for the congregation to review. Be on the lookout for announcements inviting you to read through the changes, and then to attend an information and Q&A session about the revisions (date to be determined). At the meeting, we will explain the changes in detail and the reasons for them. This meeting will also be an opportunity for members of the congregation to provide input on the revisions. Then at the Voters' Assembly on June 23, the revisions will be presented to the congregation for approval and adoption.

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

Please join LuHi's Theatre Department on May 3 and 4 at the Schoolhouse Theatre in Parker for our spring production of "A Bad Year for Tomatoes". Tickets may be purchased at Parkerarts.org.

Lutheran Family Services

The refugee program is low on bath towels, pillows, twin-sized bedding (sheet sets and comforters), and cookware (pots and pans). Can you help give a warm welcome a new refugee family by donating new or gently used items? Contact Jaime at jaime.blanchard@lfsrm.org.



**LUTHERAN
FAMILY SERVICES**
Rocky Mountains

Altar Flowers

Do you have a special event or remembrance to celebrate? Please visit the reception desk to sponsor altar flowers. Cost is \$40 per bouquet. After all the services for that weekend are completed, the bouquet can be taken home to enjoy, but please pick it up before the following Tuesday morning, or they will be donated



Calendar Notes

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

May 10-11 Women's Retreat
 May 11, May 16 - Work Day / Spring Cleaning
 May 18- 19 - Hinchey Scholarship Events
 June 15 - Ride The River (RTR) Hudson Gardens.
 June 16 - Blood Drive
 June 17 - 21 - Vacation Bible School (VBS)
 June 23 - Voters' Assembly Meeting, 9:30 am



Lutheran Chorale

The Lutheran Chorale would like to invite you to our last two concerts for the 2018-2019 season, "The Beauty of Our Lord," both on **Sunday, May 19:**

3:00 pm at St. John Lutheran Church, 700 S. Franklin, Denver.

7:30 pm at Concordia Lutheran Church, 13371 W Alameda Pkwy, Lakewood.

A free will offering will be collected. For further information visit www.thelutheranchorale.org.

Members In Our Prayers

Praying for:

Atlanta Dye, Judith
 Cunningham, Adrienne Mosley,
 Brady Kufeldt, Jody Hinrichs,
 Cindy Windfield, Sandy Tesch,
 Larry Welsh, Kurt Winn, Sharon
 Oestmann

Mourning with:

✠ The family of Michelle Vogts,
 as they mourn the loss of
 Michelle, who passed away
 following a long battle with
 cancer.
 ✠ Steve Wille and family, as they
 mourn the loss of Steve's
 mother, Ruth.
 ✠ Walt and Betty Boehnke and
 family, as they mourn the death
 of Walt's brother, Eldon.

Rejoicing with:

✠ Allison Page, who was
 baptized on Easter Sunday.
 ✠ Megan Rojo Valdez and
 family, at the baptism of
 Megan's daughter, Valerie
 Elizabeth.
 ✠ David and Natalie Braun, at
 the birth and baptism of their
 son, Kelton Parker.

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](http://www.oflc.net).

Birthdays				Anniversaries
Anderson, Kathy Baerns, Kathi Bailey, Scott Bidwell, Jake Bond, Edna Botton, Debra Campbell, Bruce Cohrs, Noah Colton, Lawrence Combellick, Glenn Crabbe, Kelly Davidson, Dick Davis, Luke Dickman, Lindsey Ellis, Samuel Erb, Larry Fenster, Amy Fitzjarrell, Jim Flick, KR Guillen, Brody Haag, Courtney	Hamann, Sara Herz, Karen Hewell, Gavin Holscher, Dianne Holscher, Tim Holtschlag, Pat Hon, Becky Kelly, McKenna Kelly, Nicole Kercher, Jane Klein, Jackie Knight, Laurie Kufeldt, Molly Ledwith, Debra Liu, Jay Mandell, Jack Mansfield, Bob Marks, Jessica McClintock Bryant, Kim McRae, Karianna Moes, Rachel	Moos, John Mudumala, Rajesh Neuharth, Chris Obermueller, Megan Olsen, Noah Orr, Bailey Orton, Tim Palmquist, Tristan Pamp, Jim Petry, Carol Pond, Barb Porter, Michael Preyer, Verle Ralston, Cindy Reiners, David Rhode, Sara Richey, Ezekiel Riggert, June Rolf, Reagan Schilling, Finley Schlapkohl, Kelly	Schudde, Joan Segin, Shannon Sherman, Tammy Siegle, Tom Snow, Nicholas Stein, Maegan Sterner, Brittni Stotler, Cal Strobeck, Katie Stuebe, Tom Uhlig, Dan Vavrik, John Vogel, Mason Watson, Chianna Watson, Douglas Weissenfels, Patricia Welsh, Sondra Winkler, Philip Wright, Libby Young, Briana Young, Orena	Jim & Linda Adams Eric & Donna Bame Curt & Elle Becker Terry & Judy Brown Rick & Tanja Burkinshaw Willis & Karla Duncan Ronald & Redd Geurts Paul & Jaime Grunt Denny & Ruth Harthun Sean & Nicole Kelly Ken & Donni Lambertus Jay & Katie Liu Sean & Tara Morris Monte & Lorna Ott Jim & Shirley Pamp Marve & Kim Papka Mar & Donnette Pearson Nathan & Jacqui Peregoy Geoffrey & Allison Rieman Joe & Suzanne Schmidt Wally & Kade Tscheschke Matt & Karri Wallace

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Rev. Nathan F. Peregoy, Executive Pastor, ext. 218

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

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IN WORSHIP



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