



## A Word From Our Pastor Marty Lettow

Hey All,

As February whisks its way into our reality, so comes another Lent. On Valentine's Day Feb 14th, is also Ash Wednesday. Even though its tough to believe its already time for this to happen, the season is upon us. With the beginning of Lent this year come some minor changes to our schedule for this season.

Mid Week Wednesday. Our Wednesdays during Lent will be filled up with some new and some familiar traditions. We will be having Lenten worship Services at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. These services are thoughtful and intimate as we reflect on the nature and ministry of Christ and his movement towards the cross.

Our Wednesday Bible Study will be held at 1:00pm during Lent as well. We are going looking forward to continuing our work together through the texts of Marks Gospel. This study has shown itself to be a spiritually deep conversation as well as a friendly conversation about ministry together at OSLC. Please consider this ministry as an addition to regular worship life during the season of Lent.

Wednesday Afternoon Service. After Bible Study on these days, we are looking to gather folks who are able to come and discern our service together. This purposeful time together will allow for those of us with a specific passion to have some time and support to serve. I look forward to seeing who might be interested in this time together and also to see how we might spend our time serving together.

We are also going to have some other interesting ways to gather this spring. I will be hosting at least 3 Theology Pub sessions over the next few months. These gatherings will happen from 4-6:30 pm and we will gather to share a pint or two and discuss various theological topics, often with a social justice bent. I hope some or many of you might join us for these discussions, as we get down to our Lutheran roots together with an afternoon of merriment and conversation. We will give witness to the Kingdom in our midst!

Over the course of this Spring our confirmation class will be having a few Saturday Confirmation Retreats. We will gather on Saturday mornings to discuss theology and faith while having some fun! On one of the Saturdays we will be baking bread for the upcoming Sunday worship while we talk about communion and God's gift of Grace for all through the Eucharist.

May this turn of the year towards springtime bring a renewed sense of faith and calling for our work together in God's Kingdom. Jesus tells us the Kingdom God is at hand! May we take the risk of faith and move forward together in new and celebrated ways.

Peace,

Pastor Marty



## From the President Deb Wangerin



At this writing, the Congregational Meeting has not yet occurred, but I'm going to climb onto a limb and predict that OSLC's 2018 Council members will be Nikki Allen, Margaret Catchpole, Lisa Guthrie, Marty Lettow, John Tisdell, Dean Zessin and me (Deb Wangerin). I'm excited and energized by the prospect of working with this great group of folks and look forward to a productive year at Our Savior's. And as Tina Yankee completes her term, we extend our deep gratitude to her for her Christ-like commitment, always sharing wisdom, social justice awareness, love for children, and grace with us.

As always, we begin the year with a full agenda. Foremost on the list is continuing the search for our permanent pastor. We are waiting to hear back from the Synod office concerning the candidate we met in the fall, so I have nothing new to report about this. While we wait, we are not sitting on our hands. Council wants to involve the congregation in zeroing in on our focus for the future, so Pr. Marty is proposing ways to bring you all into the conversation. Then there is the day-to-day reality of keeping this congregation functioning and maintaining fiscal health. We intend to use our resources wisely, and one of our resources is the physical plant. Finding non-profit organizations to share this particular resource—and the cost of maintaining it—is a priority. We always welcome suggestions from members to identify organizations that could use our space and tie in with our mission.

Over the years, OSLC has engaged in a number of activities that have become traditions here. Know that Council heartily approves of these

events, and authorizes members to assume the responsibility to organize and promote them. Please do not wait to be tapped on the shoulder by Council! Take the ball and run with it, but don't hesitate to contact Council if you have any questions or concerns. Some of these activities include:

**"Mardi Gras" potluck** – Linda Carlson has this under control on Feb 11.

More interactions with Messiah and St Paul – not quite a tradition, but a good thing to do.

**Bread for the World awareness** – Bonita Bock generally takes the lead on this.

**Spring Work Day** – commonly planned by Property Committee, but we need a leader!!

**Donor Dash** – oh, so close to Melody Connett's heart, we expect a contingent from OSLC.

**National Night Out** – on the first Tuesday in August, this is a great way to make connections with our Capitol Hill neighbors. Can someone commit to this?

**Dog Days/Blessing of the Animals** – a fun October happening.

**Silent Auction** – could take place in Oct or Nov or, when? After a few years, Deb Wangerin is bowing out, so we need a fresh take on this. Deb is willing to provide guidance.

**Decorate the church for Christmas** – by the first Sunday in Advent.

**Gift Bags for Emerson Gardens residents** – the Housing Board has been ensuring that our kids fill bags with goodies before Christmas to bring joy to our neighbors.

Thanks be to God for each and every one of you, and for our community at Our Savior's.



## That doesn't look like Erica

Nope it's not Erica. She's home her new baby girl, Gwendolyn Rose, born Jan 16<sup>th</sup>. So we have the pleasure and talent of Ryan McPeek. Who is Ryan McPeek, you ask?

Ryan McPeek, baritone, received his Bachelor's of Music in Vocal Music Performance from Colorado State University in May 2017 where he studied with Dr. John Carlo Pierce and Dr. John Seesholtz. Some of his most recent roles include Count Carl-Magnus Malcom in *A Little Night Music* by Stephen Sondheim, the title role in *Gianni Schicchi* by Giacomo Puccini, and Reginald Bunthorne in *Patience* by Gilbert and Sullivan. Ryan was awarded first place in his division at the CO-WY NATS in 2012, and went on to place first at the West Central NATS in the fall of 2013. He has continued to place in the top three of the CO-WY NATS ever since. He has also served as Assistant Choral Director at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Fort Collins. Ryan is looking forward to continuing his music career by pursuing a Master of Music in Choral Conducting in the fall of 2018. He is extremely excited to be at Our Savior's Lutheran, and is excited to get to know everyone!



## A Word from Pastor Tina

Hello – I have wonderful news. I had a bone marrow biopsy a week ago and preliminary results show no sign of my blood cancers. I won't have more definitive news for about another week, and can't be called cured for a full year – as relapse is possible. I will have a compromised immune system for several months and still have to be very careful. But I truly believe God is underway creating a miracle! I am now thinking about what God might be calling me to do in the years ahead. Thank you for all the prayers and donations of time, food and care.... even one lady unable to do other things gave me a lovely monetary gift. Pr. Tina

Any questions call me 720-290-3388 --  
thanks so much ... hope you are well.  
Tina

## Our Lent Schedule

February 14

Ash Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Following Wednesdays

Beginning on February 21

1:00 p.m. Bible Study

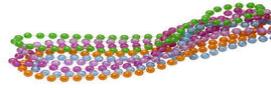
Wednesday Afternoon Service

7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service





## Mardi-Gras-on-Sunday



Looking for a different Mardi-Gras-on-Sunday experience?

Well, it's happening!

On Sunday, February 11, after worship, the Hospitality Committee will be serving a choice of three soups. We will provide the bread/rolls, and we ask that you would bring either a salad or a dessert. We'll use the compostable products to minimize cleanup. So that we can come close to how much soup to make, would you please give us a "yes, I am coming". You can sign up on the clipboard at church or give the church office a call at 303-831-7023 by Wednesday, February 7. AND a soup experience would be made more wonderful by bringing canned soup (or other canned goods) that we will donate to Metro CareRing. You can bring those in anytime from now until the end of February.

Hope to see you all there!



## OSLC Book Club



The February OSLC Book Club meeting will be on Sunday February 25, 2018. The February book selection will be *The Runaway Midwife: A Novel*, by Patricia Harman. Here is a summary of the book:

"Midwife Clara Perry is accustomed to comforting her pregnant patients . . . calming fathers-to-be as they anxiously await the birth of their children . . . ensuring the babies she delivers come safely into the world.

"But when Clara's life takes a nosedive, she realizes she hasn't been tending to her own needs and does something drastic: she runs away and starts over again in a place where no one knows her or the mess she's left behind in West Virginia. Heading to Sea Gull Island -- a tiny, remote Canadian island -- Clara is ready for anything. Well, almost. She left her passport back home, and the only way she can enter Canada is by hitching a ride on a snowmobile and illegally crossing the border.

"Deciding to reinvent herself, Clara takes a new identity -- Sara Livingston, a writer seeking solitude. But there's no avoiding the outside world. The residents are friendly, and draw "Sara" into their lives and confidences. She volunteers at the local medical clinic, using her midwifery skills, and forms a tentative relationship with a local police officer.

"But what will happen if she lets down her guard and reveals the real reason why she left her old life? One lesson soon becomes clear: no matter how far you run, you can never really hide from your past."

You are welcome to attend the meeting even if you have not read the book. If you would like to receive notices about the Book Club, please send an email to [gerald.forney@gmail.com](mailto:gerald.forney@gmail.com). In March 2018, the Book Club will discuss *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance.

### Church Council

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13  
in Madsen Hall



### Lydia Circle

10:00 a.m. Tuesday Feb. 27  
in the Senior Center

### Women's Evening Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20  
At Karen May's  
4317 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Ave



### Centering Prayer

1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb 1  
in the Senior Center  
Walk-ins welcome  
(phone Karleen for more  
information, 303-936-8661)



### Senior Center – Feb. 1

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Activities,  
Fellowship, and Snacks  
Program – American Red Cross –  
The History & Mission  
Lunch - Iva's potluck meatloaf,  
roasted potatoes, steamed carrots  
with orange sauce, green salad,  
roll, strawberry pie and coffee.



### February Benevolence Urban Servant Corps

Is a faith-based, intentional community of full-time volunteers who seek to live simply while serving and accompanying those most in need at non-profit partner agencies in the heart of Denver. Acting for peace with justice, advocating for and with the oppressed, and sharing our abundance as we respond to Christ's call to love.

### Metro CareRing

### February Item

Oats



One of the ways in which OSCOM and the redevelopment goals come together is in OSL being connected to the larger community through Together Colorado which is a state wide faith based organization and an affiliate of PICO national organizing group on behalf of 'the least of these' in our society. The foremost issues continue to be immigration, health care, education, and economic justice. Monthly, faith leaders come together to update on issues and share actions they have taken on these, and other, matters of concern. Bonita Bock and Tina Yankee regularly participate in these monthly meetings. If you have input for the agenda, please let one of them know.

With the Colorado Legislative Session now in full swing, the ELCA full-time Advocate Peter Severson also attends. He is a wonderful resource person to everyone. We can be very proud of our denomination's valuable insight and input on issues that affect so many people in our community.

### **Register NOW for**

### **Lutheran Day at the Legislature**

February 15, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration is now open for Colorado Lutheran Day at the Legislature! Join advocates and community leaders for a morning of learning and action. Build relationships with your elected officials, learn from experienced pros, and get the latest updates on our work at the state capitol. You'll get the tools you need to meet and engage your elected officials. A hot breakfast will be served and scholarships are available. Go to [www.rmselfca.org/advocacy](http://www.rmselfca.org/advocacy) for more information. Don't delay, register today!

Twenty seniors met on Jan 4. 2018 at Our Savior's for a program led by a guest attorney, focusing on making arrangements for medical power of attorney and suggestions for writing wills.

Lunch that day was a special treat: Irene Ludwig prepared and donated the main dish 'Cincinnati 5-way Chili!' Diners could choose their own favorite ingredients of cooked macaroni, beef chili sauce, beans, cheese, onion and oyster crackers! It was enjoyed by all!

Thanks to Jeanette Hartman, our green salad chef, and Dorothy Ostermeier, who baked and donated carrot cake with cream cheese frosting. Coffee rounded out the menu.

Other volunteers who made lunch possible included Gretchen Fortner, Magdalena Lesniak, Nelda Zimmerman, Dean Zessin, Cornelia Hall, Linda Young, Deb Scott, Kathy Harris and Allen Pacheco.

#### **Feb 1- Senior Center**

11:00 a.m. Program: A representative from American Red Cross will discuss the history and mission of the ARC and recent work of the non-profit.

12:00 p.m. Lunch: Iva's potluck meatloaf (Karleen's cousin's recipe), roasted potatoes, steamed carrots with orange sauce, green salad, roll, strawberry pie (by Dorothy Ostermeier) and coffee.

1:30 p.m. Centering Prayer led by Karleen.

#### **Come Join Us!**

Karleen Schofield



## Grand Opening

Please join St. Francis Center, Saint John's Cathedral, and community members to celebrate the grand opening of Saint Francis Apartments at Cathedral Square, a 50-unit apartment project offering permanent housing to our previously homeless neighbors

Date: Sunday, February 18, 2018

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Dominick Park -729 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave 729

The celebration will include a presentation with community leaders, tours of the building, and light refreshments.

Kindly R.S.V.P. by February 1: [resp@sfcdenver.org](mailto:resp@sfcdenver.org); 303-244-0761

## Augustana Arts presents...

...*Dreams and Aspirations* performed by the Stratus Chamber Orchestra and featuring guests from the Lighthouse Writers Workshop and Picture Me Here, a storytelling fellowship for refugees and immigrants who are new to Denver. Writers will pair the art of storytelling with the art of music as the audience enters into the world of dreams and aspirations in this hallmark concert. Selections include Beethoven's *Symphony #3 – 1st mvt*, Alexander Borodin's *In the Steppes of Central Asia*, Charles Ives' *The Gong on the Hook and Ladder* and Aaron Copland's *Letter from Home*. Performances are 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2 at the First Plymouth Congregational Church, 3501 S. Colorado Blvd., Englewood, and again on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Augustana Lutheran Church, 80000 E. Alameda Ave., Denver. Use code RMS25 for a 25% discount. Reserve tickets online at [www.AugustanaArts.org](http://www.AugustanaArts.org) or at the door.

## Lutheran Family Services

Did you know that 75% of Americans do not have their medical care wishes in writing? Are you one of them? The OACS program, in partnership with the Colorado Health Foundation, is offering free, individual Advance Care Planning consults to provide hands-on assistance in the creation of Advance Directives, such as Medical Durable Power of Attorney and Living Will, at no charge. Our goal is to ensure that everyone completes these important documents, and understands why they are necessary. To set up an appointment at our Lakewood office, call 303-217-5864.

Many of our clients in our refugee program come from much warmer climates and are unprepared for a Colorado Winter. We are currently accepting donations of new or gently used coats and boots for adults and kids of all ages. For more information or to coordinate a drop-off, contact Kate Strebe at [kate.strebe@lfsrm.org](mailto:kate.strebe@lfsrm.org) or 303-225-0199.



**News from CHARG**

By David Burgess

At CHARG, we are getting ready to dedicate the main gathering room at our clinic/administration building at 709 East 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the memory of Victor Smith. Victor passed away unexpectedly this past year, and we are still missing him greatly. He was the co-chair of our consumer board of directors, and he inspired all of us with his good humor as he dealt with the multiple challenges of major depression, blindness and AIDS. He was a tireless advocate for his fellow mental health consumers, participating on policy boards and working on behalf of individuals needing help.

The gathering room will be rededicated as the Victor Smith Welcome Center at a ceremony on Tuesday, February 13 at 3:00 PM. Please join us if you can for celebration and fellowship together; no RSVP is necessary, just come by and take part in this event. We feel that everyone in the Our Savior's community is a partner with CHARG, and we would love to see you.



**February Birthdays**

- 2 Robert Schrader
- 2 Emilee Baack
- 6 Duane Gall A
- 6 Nancy Hauck
- 6 Kathy Harris A
- 8 Margaret McCoullum
- 9 Tina Yankee
- 14 Pat Bjerke
- 14 Melody Connett
- 14 Stephen Segó \*
- 16 Nancy Bair
- 19 Elijah Obermann
- 19 James Konzels
- 19 Diane Lund
- 25 Eric Stolp
- 25 Doug Wheeler

- \* Emerson Gardens' resident
- A Associate Member



**The following are our current prayer concerns:** Heidi; Darleen; Jamie Carpenter; David Huntsaker; Ray; Our Savior's congregation, its leaders and ministries.

**Please continually pray for:** All Saints Lutheran (our sister church); Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton; Bishop Jim Gonias; James Bertelsen; Burton Solseth; Jean Hill; Elaine Nassen; Nancy Bair; Tina Yankee; Liz Masterson; Stan Paige; Doug Hein; Marlene Eggerling; August & Marge Beckmann; Anne-Marie Doolos; Suzanne Doolos; Pat Bjerke; Rich Selayi, Jr.; Terry Wittern; Nancie Ziemke; Katherine Fedde; Sue Coleman; Craig & Dixie Simonson; and Dick & Wanda Mlinarik.

**Please submit your prayer requests** for healing, sympathy, comfort, on-going concerns, and celebrations by calling Twyla Boe at 303-344-5430, or the church office at 303-831-7023. The prayer chain is updated as names are received. Unless otherwise requested, names will be deleted after (4) weeks.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February</h1>				1 10:30 Sr. Center 1:15 Centering Prayer 7:00 Choir	2	3
4 9:30 Worship 10:45 Adult Ed & Sunday School 12:30 NicAnon	5	6 8:00 NA	7 8:00 NA	8 7:00 Choir	9 Plunge Group ---	10 -----
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