



## Monthly Connection

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### Love Your Neighbor Moving the Mission Out to Our Local Community

***“And Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:37-39***

Jesus once condensed all of the commandments down to just two. He said we are to love God with everything we have and to love our neighbors as ourselves. For many this simple idea of loving our neighbors has been reduced to merely a nice saying; remaining more of an abstract concept, than a way of life. But what would happen if every follower of Jesus took the Great Commandment literally? What would happen if every member of Our Father was more intentional in reaching out to those God has placed in our lives?



Our five-year vision is to have 2000 members experiencing significant growth in their faith and 20,000 moments where the love of Christ makes a significant difference in our community. These daunting numbers become more attainable when we realize this could be achieved if only half of our active members performed one act of Gospel kindness a month, and if only half shared their faith once a year.

In 2018 we take a significant step towards accomplishing this vision by raising the temperature in our culture for moving the mission out to our local community. Along with special service opportunities, training workshops, and mission opportunities; our principal goal is to have at least one hundred Our Father members commit to serve as intentional missionaries to their neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces. As Martin Luther once said, **“God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does.”**

Together, let us pursue a joy-filled gospel movement that will significantly enrich the faith of our members and impact thousands of families living in the neighborhoods of south Denver.

To God alone be the glory!  
Pastor Abel

## Student Ministries

### February Middle School Breakout: Time for FroYo!

Sunday, February 11, 12:00-2:00 pm  
Drop-off at 12:00 pm AT CHURCH  
Pick up at 2:00 pm at Yogurtland, 7535 S  
University Blvd, Centennial 80122

### Retreats

MS Retreat: March 2-4  
Lutheran Valley Retreat

**Through scripture, we'll learn what it means to live our lives TOGETHER in Christ, sharing in fellowship and friendship. Cost for the weekend is \$100. Register online by February 18 at: [www.oflc.net](http://www.oflc.net).**

High School Retreat: March 2-4  
Winkler Family Cabin near Fairplay  
God never meant for us to live the Christian life alone. We are called to SHARE LIFE with one another. For us, that means investing in the spiritual lives of others and being present, authentic and real with one another. Cost for the weekend is \$65. Register online by February 18 at: [www.oflc.net](http://www.oflc.net).

### Summer Missions

June 13-16 Serve our City - Registration  
Deadline March 9 (current 8th-12th graders).

June 14-16 Middle School on Mission -  
Registration Deadline April 15 (current 6th-7th  
grade)

July 15 – 21 – Experience Mission Eastern NM  
Navajo Reservation - Registration Deadline  
January 19! (current 9th-12th graders)

Visit [www.oflc.net](http://www.oflc.net) for registration and  
information for all summer mission trips.

### Save the Date:

Confirmation Sunday, October 28, 2018 at the  
8:00 am Worship Service.



## Adult Education

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

- Can I Ask That? – Explore different viewpoints **on some of Christianity's most avoided topics.** Questions welcome. Led by Pastor Peregoy in the Fellowship Hall.
- Effective Parenting in a Defective World – Pressures on kids leave parents feeling helpless, but God has a plan for effectively raising children and you can learn it. Led by Philip and Sara Winkler in Rooms 302.
- The Great Deceiver – **Come explore the Bible's** description of Satan and what to do about him. Led by Jack Weaver in Room 300.
- Forgiveness – Forgiving someone can be very difficult; for some, it seems almost impossible. It is, indeed, possible to forgive and begin to find peace that comes through forgiving and being forgiven. Led by Rich Carnahan in the Chapel.

## 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.

## Midweek Bible Studies

### Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

We began studying 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus. All women are invited to join. We meet in Room 300 at 9:30 am on Tuesdays. Questions? Contact Michele Schulteis, [mschulteis@verizon.net](mailto:mschulteis@verizon.net).

## Weekend Bible Studies

### Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study

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

### Bible Study

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

## Men's Ministry

### Men's Ministry Happy Hour

We meet every 3rd Thursday at the Half Penny Brewery (King Soopers Shopping Center just north of Arapahoe and Holly) from 5:00-6:00 pm. No agenda, just fellowship. Next gathering is Thursday, February 22. Contact Micah for details at [msteiner@oflc.net](mailto:msteiner@oflc.net).

### Men's Ministry Breakfast

February 10 at 7:30-9:30 am

Our guest presenter is Dr. Mark Rockenbach from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, who will be giving a presentation called, "Responding to Sexual Temptation". He will share how we as men can be better prepared to fight temptation, while also experiencing God's grace for past failures. "Pastor Abel and I saw this presentation at Concordia Seminary and I highly recommend it to all men at OFLC. It is a timely and much needed conversation, where you will leave feeling empowered and encouraged." Micah Steiner, Director of Discipleship. RSVP at [www.oflc.net](http://www.oflc.net).



### Young Adult Fellowship & Bible Study Group

Join the young adult group. The group is open to anyone in their 20s (give or take) and meet at nearby homes the first and third Tuesday evening of each month. We also enjoy fellowship through other outings and events. For information, contact Matthew Siegle at [matthew.siegle@outlook.com](mailto:matthew.siegle@outlook.com).

### Preschool Sunday - February 25, 10:45 am

We look forward to having our preschool families join us for worship. The children will sing songs for the congregation and will have a fun Sunday School experience downstairs during the sermon.

## OFLC Information

### State of the Church

Pastor Abel will present his 2018 report Saturday, February 10, 5:00 pm and Sunday, February 11, 8:00 am and 10:45 am at the conclusion of each Worship service. Stay informed by attending this presentation.



### OFLC Blood Drive

Sunday, February 11 the Bonfils Bus will be at OFLC from 8:00 am to noon. Sign up at the Reception Desk or online at [bonfils.org](http://bonfils.org) and use code 0199.

### Benevolence Meeting

The next quarterly Benevolence meeting will be Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 pm. All benevolence funding requests MUST be submitted at least 14 days prior to the meeting for consideration. Questions or concerns should be addressed to Denny Harthun at 303-795-9038 or email [denny@iescolorado.com](mailto:denny@iescolorado.com) or Micah Steiner, [msteiner@oflc.net](mailto:msteiner@oflc.net).

### Call Committees Update

The Call Committees for the Director of Faith Development and Director of Student Life have begun the process of narrowing candidates for the two called positions. Video interviews are scheduled by the committees in February/March, with 1-2 candidates making on-site visits in March/April. If all interviews and visits are completed by April, each call committee will make a recommendation for a call to Parish Council and then a voters meeting to approve the recommendation will be held in May at the earliest. Please continue to keep each committee in your prayers as we seek God's will.



### Photo Directory

The final draft of the directory has been sent to the print and will be available for distribution the end of February.



## Hearts and Teeth

February is on the way! The children will be talking about loving and caring for others. The preschool will be filled with hearts of all shapes and sizes. We will enjoy a visit from the dentist and learn how to take care of our teeth! We will also learn amazing things about penguins and polar bears – they love the cold weather!

Preschool registration for the fall was in January. We registered over 200 children for the fall classes!

### Kids Are So Cute Corner

A little four-year-old shared with his mom, “Mom, Jesus hangs on my shoulders and takes a ride with me every day!”

Alison Cejka, Director

## Community News

### Save the Date

The Forté Handbell Quartet from Colorado Springs, CO will be presenting a concert at Our Father Lutheran Church on April 14 at 7:30 pm as part of their "welcome home" from their spring tour! Forté is a Christian group but they perform a wide variety of styles, including but not limited to Celtic, techno, pop-country, classical, contemporary Christian, and new age. Forté's tagline and motto is "Rethink Possible", so even if you're familiar with handbells, chances are good that you'll see something new and different from the instrument!



## Arise!

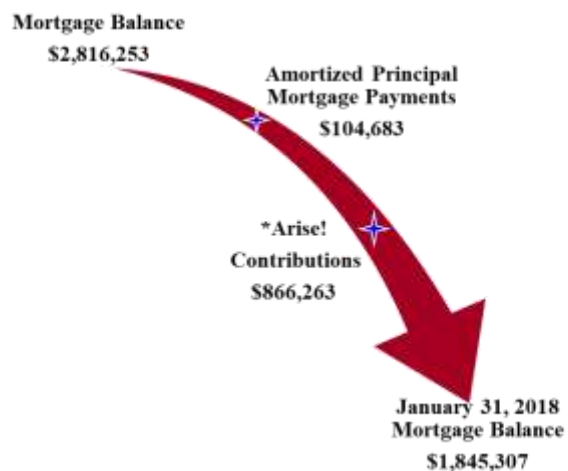
### Arise! Campaign Update

Significant progress continues for the Arise! Campaign. The official campaign kicked off in October 2016 at which time our mortgage balance was \$2,816,253. By the grace of God, as of January 31, 2018, the mortgage has been reduced to \$1,845,307, a 34% reduction!

By eliminating our mortgage, we attain fiscal stability **thereby moving us closer to attaining Our Father's vision of:**

- ◆ 2 Worship Locations
- ◆ 20 Missional Communities
- ◆ 200 Individual Families on Mission
- ◆ 2,000 Members Experiencing Growth in Faith
- ◆ 20,000 Moments Where the Love of Christ Makes a Difference

### Arise! Principal Reduction Since October 1, 2016



## Thank You

### Blessed

Thanks to so many members of Our Father for coming to my retirement party! It was a grand event planned by some special people. Thanks, Ruth Harthun, Martha Parsons, Joanne Wille, Christine Woodward, Barbara Herold, and Helen Ottinger. I so appreciate all the people who served our tables and in the kitchen, hung the lights yet one more time, and everything else that made it such a blessing to me and my family. Our prayer is that Our Father will continue to be blessed by the Lord and that more and more people will experience the extraordinary life in Christ.

Linda Olsen

## Fellowship

### Elderberries



At the February meeting we're going to be honoring our two famous Presidents' birthdays, hosted by

Orena Young. The pre-school children will sing some of their songs to kick off the meeting. Come with your patriotic paraphernalia. Bring a non-perishable food item starting with the letter P,R,E,S,I,D,E,N,T, which will be placed in the Salvation Army food barrel at the end of the meeting. Refreshments will be provided.

So join us on Wednesday, February 21 at 1:00 pm in the Community Room for patriotic fun.

### Book Club

The Book Club meets Monday, February 19, 7:00 pm in the Library. We are discussing "The Women in the Castle" by Jessica Shattuck. Any and all readers are invited to join our group!

## Women's Ministry

### Prayer Sister Luncheon

Our annual Prayer Sister Ministry luncheon is on Sunday, February 18 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.

### Women's Retreat

Sarah Salzberg will again be our speaker on May 11-12 at the Franciscan Center in Colorado Springs on "Bad to Bold", about how God's will happens in peoples' lives to bring about God's Kingdom. Your retreat planning team will be offering this retreat for the 26th year! Registration is open. Visit [www.oflc.net](http://www.oflc.net) for registration.

## Special Ministries

### MOPS

The MOPS gatherings are held the first and third Friday of every month from 9:15 - 11:30 am in the Community Room. Childcare is provided with its own curriculum. Contact Denae Stevens at [oflcrops@gmail.com](mailto:oflcrops@gmail.com) for more information. "Free Indeed" is our theme this year.

## OFLC Staff

### A Very Fond Good-bye

Teri Evans has been our amazing, hardworking, hilarious student ministry administrative assistant for the last three years. She has brought the perspective of both a parent of a teenager and a behind the scenes staff person. She is the one who has sent emails, answered phones, kept Ride the River organized, helped you register for trips and retreats, and a thousand other little details. Teri has "retired" from this position at the end of January. We'll greatly miss having Teri at the administrative helm, but are grateful that she and her family will still be an active part of Our Father and OFLC Student Ministries as she serves on the Student Ministry Board and participates as a parent with her kids Mara and Grant. If you see Teri, take the time to say THANK YOU!

### Welcome to the Team

We welcome our new Executive Assistant, Heidi Herrmann to the OFLC staff. Heidi brings a range of skills and knowledge from previous experience in owning her own business and at various business environments. She is a graduate of the University of Montana. Heidi and her husband Dan have been members at Our Father since November 2017. Welcome to the team Heidi!



Sun, Feb 4	8:00A Holy Communion 9:30A SS/Adult Ed 9:30A Peer Ministry Training 10:45A tenfortyfive
Mon, Feb 5	9:30A Preschool 1:00P DAR 2:00P Loud for Life 6:30P Huddle 7:00P AA/Comp. Eaters
Tues, Feb 6	9:30A Preschool <b>9:30A Women's Bible Study</b> 10:00A Huddle 7:00P Alanon
Wed, Feb 7	8:00A JobSeekers 9:30A Preschool 10:30A Ministry Team 6:30P Huddle 6:30P Classes/Conf/CHAOS 7:30P tenfortyfive Rehearsal
Thur, Feb 8	9:30A Preschool 6:00P Jubilate Ringers 6:00P Scholarship Board 7:30P Adult Choir
Fri, Feb 9	9:15A MOPS 9:30A Compulsive Eaters 10:00A Knitters <b>5:00P Women's Banquet</b>
Sat, Feb 10	<b>7:00A Men's Bible Study</b> <b>7:30A Men's Breakfast</b> 8:30A Bible Study 12:00P AA 5:00P Service of the Word

Sun, Feb 11	8:00A Service of the Word 9:30A SS/Adult Ed 10:45A tenfortyfive Worship
Mon, Feb 12	9:30A Preschool 1:00P Bookworms 6:00P FACES 6:30P Huddle 7:00P Cherry Park HOA 7:00P AA/Comp. Eaters
Tues, Feb 13	9:30A Preschool <b>9:30A Women's Bible Study</b> 10:00A Huddle 6:00P Celebration Ringers 6:30P Heritage Village HOA 7:00P Worship Committee 7:00P Alanon
Wed, Feb 14	8:00A JobSeekers 8:30A Personnel Committee 9:30A Preschool 10:30A Ministry Team 12:15P Ash Wednesday Service 6:30P Classes/Conf/CHAOS 7:15P Ash Wednesday Service 8:15P tenfortyfive Rehearsal
Thur, Feb 15	9:30A Preschool 6:00P Jubilate Ringers 7:00P Student Ministry 7:30P Adult Choir
Fri, Feb 16	9:15A MOPS 9:30A Preschool 9:30A Compulsive Eaters 10:00A Knitters
Sat, Feb 17	<b>7:00A Men's Bible Study</b> 8:30A Bible Study 12:00P AA 5:00P Holy Communion



Sun, Feb 18	8:00A Holy Communion 9:30A SS/Adult Ed 10:45A tenfortyfive 12:00P Prayer Sister Luncheon
Mon, Feb 19	Office Closed 7:00P AA/Comp. Eaters
Tues, Feb 20	9:30A Preschool <b>9:30A Women's Bible Study</b> 5:30P Need Based Care 6:00P Celebration Ringers 7:00P Parish Council 7:00P Alanon
Wed, Feb 21	8:00A JobSeekers 9:30A Preschool 10:30A Ministry Team 1:00P Elderberries 6:30P Huddle <b>6:30P Women's Retreat</b> 6:30P Classes/Conf/CHAOS 7:15P Lenten Service 8:15P tenfortyfive Rehearsal
Thur, Feb 22	9:30A Preschool 6:00P Jubilate Ringers 6:30P Benevolence Comm. 7:30P Adult Choir
Fri, Feb 23	9:30A Preschool 9:30A Compulsive Eaters 10:00A Knitters
Sat, Feb 24	<b>7:00A Men's Bible Study</b> 8:30A Bible Study 12:00P AA 5:00P Service of the Word

Sun, Feb 25	8:00A Service of the Word 9:30A SS/Adult Ed 9:30A Peer Ministry Training 10:45A tenfortyfive Worship
Mon, Feb 26	9:30A Preschool 2:00P Loud for Life 6:30P Huddle 7:00P AA/Comp. Eaters
Tues, Feb 27	9:30A Preschool <b>9:30A Women's Bible Study</b> 10:00A Huddle 7:00P Alanon
Wed, Feb 28	8:00A JobSeekers 9:30A Preschool 10:30A Ministry Team 6:30P Huddle 6:30P Classes/Conf/CHAOS 7:15P Lenten Worship Service 8:15P tenfortyfive Rehearsal
Thur, Mar 1	9:30A Preschool 6:00P Jubilate Ringers 7:30P Adult Choir
Fri, Mar 2	9:15A MOPS 9:30A Preschool 9:30A Compulsive Eaters 10:00A Knitters
Sat, Mar 3	<b>7:00A Men's Bible Study</b> 8:30A Bible Study 12:00P AA 5:00P Holy Communion

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Members In Our Prayers

Attendance					
Worship Services			Sunday School		
1/6	5:00P	88	Adults		139
1/7	8:00A	258	Children	9:30A	64
	10:45A	294	Children	11:00A	32
1/13	5:00P	85	Adults		158
1/14	8:00A	270	Children	9:30A	59
	10:45A	304	Children	11:00A	35
1/20	5:00P	118	Adults		75
1/21	8:00A	134	Children	9:30A	44
	10:45A	134	Children	11:00A	18
1/27	5:00P	80	Adults		130
1/28	8:30A	292	Children	9:30A	59
	10:45A	330	Children	11:00A	35

*Recovering:* Jim Reuter, Carl Koontz, Dick Stotler, Lester Smith, Pam Wylie, Michelle Vogts, Linn Reggert

*Sympathy with:* Stephanie Murray at the death of her father, Milan Milota

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 and flowers need to be picked up before the following Tuesday morning or they will be donated.

Remember Our Homebound

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|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Eileen Spencer  | Junerose Kayser | Anita Krumenacker |
| Dorothy Schmid  | Mary Wing       | Laura Fougner     |
| Jim Fitzjarrell | Elisa Benson    | Atlanta Dye       |

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays				Anniversaries
Abel, Leah	Forbes, Mike	Krause, Lauren	Remon, Jody	Winkler, Evan
Allen, Patrick	Franklin, Ellie	Lambertus, Ken	Renninger, Brock	Winn, Katelyn
Arbuckle, Steve	Gabor, Michael	Lasher, Jeff	Rhode, Dave	Wulliman, Jeff
Backstrom, Tami	Gambardella, Caroline	Lee, Justin	Rieman, Isabel	Wyatt, Josh
Bagdasarian, Jill	Gehrke, Ellie	Lofblad, Tristan	Riggert, Meghan	Youngren, Tammy
Barber, Sadie	Getty, Libby	Logan, James	Riggert, Nicholas	Zettel, Norm
Barnhart, Robin	Gibson, Pam	Loomis, Mireya	Romceovich, Katie	
Barnhart, Terri	Gilman, Bernice	Lujan, Patti	Rome, Malorie	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Barringer, Kent	Goetzke, Sara	Lyman, JJ	Schaack, Alexander	Sara & Brian Bovasso
Becker, Brandon	Guillen, Abbie	Madsen, Lauren	Schierkolk, Linda	Mike & Susie Brauer
Bovasso, Sophia	Hacker, Lauren	Mapp, Kecia	Schlapkohl, Thomas	Tom & Karen Callahan
Broekemeier, Cindy	Harrah, Patti	McClearn, Ian	Schmidt, Phyllis	Linda & Rick Farrar
Brown, Nathan	Hea, William	McDonnell, Alice	Schulteis, Julia	Mike & Karen Griffin
Burch, Sally	Heldt, Sharon	McKinster, Caroline	Sheridan, James	Duane & Jenny Habeck
Clark, Steve	Hendricks, Cindy	McKinster, Chloe	Shorey, Dan	Bruce & Cathy Hirsch
Cohrs, Eli	Herren, Mitchell	McRae, Brian	Spencer, Eileen	Carl & Diane Koontz
Conklin, Natalie	Hess, Hans	Meissner, Josh	Spurlin, Rich	Don & Gail Loomis
Coyle, Britney	Hoffarth, James	Mendoza, Jillian	Stein, Pat	James & Patient Morgan
Coyle, Emerson	Huebner, Greta	Merkel, Kyle	Steiner, JJ	Jim & Ellen Rairdon
Dalby, Terry	Huebner, Sam	Meske, Randal	Stevens, David	David & Carolyn Reiners
David, Elsa	Johannes, Emmah	Michael, Rena	Stotler, Jeanne	Jody & Harold Remon
Davis, Chris	Johnson, Alex	Niemitalo, Kristen	Strom, Phillip	John & Trish Turner
Dite, Jaci	Jolin, Chuck	Olson, Blaine	Stuebe, Brian	Herb & Patricia Weissenfels
Doetsch, Kyle	Kerber, Katherine	Osler, Harrison	Tiffenbach, Matt	
Dolezal, Bob	Kerber, Sheila	Ott, Lorna	Tracy, Brent	
Dolton, Derek	Kerkhove, George	Ottinger, Christine	Trail, Austin	
Ellis, Caleb	Kirk, Samuel	Ottinger, Lauren	Uhlig, Lisa	
Ellis, Joshua	Knoll, Bill	Palmquist, Nathan	Walker, Tim	
Ellis, Karen	Koch, Ruth	Peavler, John	Wallace, Karri	
	Kochenberger, Kelly	Plucheck, Ally	Wang, Sonia	
	Koontz, Carl	Reed, Haley	Wesley, Ruth	



# Standing at the Cross



Ash Wednesday Services - February 14  
12:15 pm & 7:15 pm  
Mid-Week Lenten Services  
February 21 - March 21, 2018 7:15 pm

February 21 – Standing in Truth  
February 28 – Standing Unafraid  
March 7 – Standing in Suffering

March 14 – Standing through Persecution  
March 21 – Standing in Prayer

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Our Father Children's Learning Center

Alison Cejka, Director, 303-779-4910

Worship

Saturday Service: 5:00 pm

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:45 am

Education Hour & Sunday School: 9:30 am

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