

Beyond Imagination

Merriam-Webster defines *imagination* as “the act or power of forming a mental image of something not present to the senses or never before wholly perceived in reality.” Imagination, therefore, is the capacity to visualize a reality that goes beyond our experience. This is why faith (at least in part) is an act of the imagination. Ultimately, our faith is founded upon the eyewitness testimony of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And it is precisely because we have such a solid objective foundation, that our faith is set free to envision an even deeper reality. If reason changes our minds, imagination has the power to change our hearts. It helps us experience the truth, not just know it.

The weekend of August 18-19 we begin a new eleven-part sermon series through the book of Ephesians entitled “Beyond Imagination.” This title is derived from Ephesians 3:20, in which Paul boldly declares that God, “is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.” Throughout the book of Ephesians, God reveals both basic truths as well as profound mysteries. In this study we will learn who we are as God’s chosen people and be inspired to dream bigger dreams.



Before we climb a mountain, we must be able to imagine ourselves arriving at the peak. Before we run a race, we must imagine ourselves crossing the finish line. The gift of imagination allows us to envision the possibilities between who we are today and who God has created us to be. It encourages us to go beyond the world in its fallen condition and to seek the coming of the Kingdom of God. As we study the book of Ephesians, reflecting on the love and power of God, we will find joy and peace for our daily lives. Come and discover the unsearchable riches of Christ awaiting you in the treasured book of Ephesians. They are immeasurably more than you can even imagine.

To God alone be the glory!
Pastor Abel

Student Ministries

Middle School Ministry

- Wednesday, August 15, 6:30 - 8:00pm
Mentor Orientation/Training at OFLC in the Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, August 19, 9:30 - 10:30 am
Education Sunday - Student/Parent Confirmation Orientation in the High School Youth Room
- Sunday, August 19, 12:00 - 2:00 pm
9th Graders-Confirmation Prep Event in the HS Youth Room
- Wednesday, August 22, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
2018/2019 Confirmation Classes begin. (Optional fellowship time from 6:00-6:30 with food for purchase)
- Sunday, August 26, 9:30 - 10:30 am
Sunday School Starts
- Wednesdays, September 5 - 26, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Confirmation Parent Class in the Community Room

High School Ministry "CHAOS"

(Christ Has All Our Solutions)

- Sunday, August 19, 9:30 - 10:30 am
Education Sunday
- Wednesday, August 22
First day of CHAOS

Please go to oflc.net/student-ministry for more information.

OUR FATHER LUTHERAN CHURCH STUDENT MINISTRIES



Education Training

All Sunday School, Sprouts, Confirmation and High School teachers and mentors are asked to join in the Fellowship Hall for an Orientation and Training on Wednesday, August 15 at 6:30pm. Please mark that time on your calendar!

Adult Education

Sunday Classes 9:30 - 10:30 am - August 19 to October 7

- Introduction to Lutheranism - What Does it mean to Be a Lutheran Christian? Overview of the Lutheran interpretation of Scripture with Pastor Abel in Room 300 /301 (held August 19-Sept 30)
- Love Does - Based on the book by Bob Goff, explore how we can actively love our neighbor in **Jesus' name**. Led by Cassie Schermbeck in Fellowship Hall
- Overview of Isaiah - Isaiah uncovers the promises and prophecy that are fulfilled in Jesus the Messiah. Led by Tom Hacker in the Community Room

Children's Education

Sprouts

Sprouts continues through the summer during the tenfortyfive worship service while the sermon is being preached. For 3-year-olds through third grade.

Children's Sunday Morning Ministry

Sunday morning classes combine for the summer. Preschoolers and Kindergartners in Room 104. Grades 1-6 in Room 106.

Education Kickoff

KIDZ KARNIVAL

August 19, 2018 9:30 AM

Karnival Games • Meet Your Teachers

Sunday School Registration • Jumping Castle

Adult Education at 9:30 AM

Bible Studies

Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study

Prayer, fellowship and study in Room 300 at 7:00 am.

Bible Study

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

Young Adult Fellowship & Bible Study Group

Join the Young Adult Group the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month from 6-7:30pm for study and fellowship. We are currently working through the series **"Counter Culture"** as we discuss how to respond to cultural trends as Christians. The group is open to anyone in (or around) their 20s; college students home for the summer are welcome. Contact Matthew Siegle at 303-945-9843 or matthew.siegle@outlook.com for information.

Administration

New Projection Software

Does new technology get your blood pumping? Join us to learn about and test drive our new projection software, ProPresenter, between services in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am Sunday, August 12, 19 or 26. Current projectionists and anyone interested in learning more are welcome to attend.

Policy Based Governance Update

Our Father Lutheran Church follows a Policy Based form of Church Governance. Up until this year, the OFLC **Governing Policies hadn't been revised since 2013** and needed substantial updates. A team of volunteers and Parish Council members have spent many, many hours in thoughtful meetings and discussions to update the OFLC Governing Policies document.

If you are interested in reading the updated Governing Policies, the document is available at: www.oflc.net/administration. For those that would like more information or have questions about the Governing Policies, the Parish Council will provide an information and Q&A session about the revisions on Sunday, August 12th in the Chapel between services.

Fellowship

Book Club

The Book Club meets Monday, August 20, at 7:00 pm in the Room 300. We are discussing **"Crossing the Horizon"** by Laurie Notaro. Any and all readers are invited to join our group!

Elderberries

Attention all Seniors! Want to meet people from the other church service times? Maybe play a little Yahtzee or bridge? Or just need a little summer break? Come to the Community Room on Wednesday, August 15, 1:00 - 2:00pm. Good conversations and free snacks too. Bring your friends. Everyone is welcome.

Fellowship Update

Thank you to all who participated in this year's church picnic, and especially our Fellowship committee for planning, organizing, and hosting! Our next all church fellowship event is Sunday, October 14th for an Oktoberfest celebration. We are in need of a coordinator for this event. If you are gifted in planning and delegating, we have a job for you! Contact Micah for details at Msteiner@oflc.net.



The Swing Fore Scholarships Golf Tournament swings into action on Thursday, September 6 at The Ridge at Castle Pines. Shotgun start is at noon. Cost is \$135 per person, \$540 per foursome if registered before August 15. Golf fees include lunch, dinner, green fees, cart and voucher. All proceeds benefit the Donald F. Hinchey Scholarship Fund. For more information and to register, please go to oflc.net/give/Hinchey-scholarship.

Special Ministries

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)



The first MOPS gathering this year is Friday, September 7. These are held the first and third Friday of every month from 9:30 - 11:30 am in the Community Room. Childcare is provided with its own curriculum. Contact Denae Stevens at 720-810-2242 or email her at denaerstevens@gmail.com for more information or check out the display in the Narthex. **"Find Your Fire" is our theme this year.** OFLC MOPS is also looking for paid child workers. Please contact Denae if you would like more information regarding this position.

FAITH Friends

"Friends Acting In Teachers' Hearts"

We are looking for FAITH Friends - Friends Acting in Teachers' Hearts. We need church members who would like to be paired up with one of our amazing preschool teachers for the school year.

As a FAITH Friend, your role would be to pray and acknowledge your teacher throughout the school year. We would ask you to meet with your teacher at the beginning of the school year in person. After that we would like you to pray, encourage and praise the teacher through the year with small acts of kindness. This could be with prayer, emails, texts, phone calls, cards/notes, small treats or even short visits.

If you are interested in being a special FAITH Friend to one of our dedicated preschool teachers, please contact:

candacebrinckman@gmail.com.

Lutheran High School Baseball Camp

L Join LuHi's Head Baseball Coach for a one-day baseball camp on Saturday, August 18, from 9:00 am - noon. Learn more and register now at www.lhsparser.org/register-summer-camp

Music

A New Season of "Music in Worship"

Summer is slipping away and we're gearing up for our regular rehearsals to begin soon! We have been blessed this summer with many differing musicians singing, ringing and playing as soloists or ensembles - *thank you!* Here is a reminder of our different regular music group offerings:

- Jubilate Ringers - meets every Thursday; resuming Thursday, September 6, 6:00 pm
- Adult Choir - meets every Thursday; resuming Thursday, September 6, 7:30 pm
- tenfortyfive worship band - meets every Wednesday (all year) at 7:30pm

Please call or email if you have any questions about or would like to participate in our Music Ministry - Matt Hoehne would be delighted to speak with you. Contact him at mhoehne@oflc.net; 303-779-1332, ext. 217.

SAVE THE DATE(S):

Handchimes for Elementary Ringers

Who: Students in 3rd - 8th grades

What: Handchimes for Elementary Ringers: Christmas Edition

When: Rehearsals: Wednesdays, November 28, December 5 and December 12 - 5:30 - 6:15 pm. **Lead Worship: Sunday, December 16 at the 10:45 service**

Where: OFLC Sanctuary

Why: Because ringing chimes in December is fun!!

Contact Matt Hoehne for more details or to sign-up: mhoehne@oflc.net

Children's Choir for Reformation, October 27-28

Who: Students in 2nd - 8th grades

What: **Special Children's Choir for Reformation**

When: Rehearsals: Wednesdays, October 3 and 10 - 5:30 - 6:15 pm, Thursday, October 25, 7:30 pm with choir and instruments. **Lead Worship: Saturday, October 27 at 5:00 pm and Sunday, October 28 at 8:00 am**

Where: OFLC Sanctuary

Why: Because last year was so much fun!!

Contact Matt Hoehne for more details or to sign-up: mhoehne@oflc.net



OFLC Information

Benevolence Forum

Join us Sunday, August 12, at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall, for a special forum designed to help you get to know the various ministries that our benevolence dollars go to support. Every year we tithe 10% of our income to help support missionaries, charitable organizations, and Christian missions all over the world. The impact of these dollars are making for the kingdom are inspiring! Hope to see you there.

Call Update for Director of Student Ministries

After much prayer and consideration, Kayla Brock declined our call to serve as the Director of Student Ministries. The call committee is asking for your prayers as we return to the work of collecting names, reviewing and prayerfully discerning the one God has in store for us to serve our MS and HS students and families. If you have any questions about the call process, or any new names to submit to the committee, please contact Micah at Msteiner@oflc.net.

Introducing the OFLC Security Team Director - Rick Johnson

The OFLC Security team has been in place since mid-March. Their goal is to ensure the physical security of the congregation and church staff. We pray that the services of the Security team are never needed, but we want to be prepared. Leading this endeavor is OFLC member Mr. Rick Johnson. Rick is a former criminal and grand jury investigator for the Denver and **Jefferson County District Attorney's Offices and now** is in private practice where he specializes in complex business crime, child abduction and other family issues. He is president and founder of the Colorado Society of Investigators. Rick volunteers his time with the Metropolitan Volunteer Lawyers Program and the non-profit Wish of a Lifetime.

If you would like to join the Security team, please contact Rick Johnson (rick@denverpi.com). We are especially in need of women who are interested in maintaining the security of our facilities and for regular attendees of the Saturday night worship services. The primary requirements of membership are the passing of a background check, competency with a sidearm, and emotional maturity.

Financial Information

Arise! Update

The Arise! Campaign continues with a steady summer pace. Official campaign kicked off in October 2016 with our mortgage balance at \$2,816,253. By the grace of God, as of July 31, 2018, our mortgage has been reduced to \$1,672,029; a 41% 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



**SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL SUMMARY
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018**

We've hit the mid mark of our operating year with General Offerings running 1% below budget by \$5,481 but are up 6% over 2017 actual.

Total expenditures are 4% below budget by \$34,685 and are 4% below total income.

All other income and expense budget variances are in acceptable levels.

	Actual	Budget
General Offerings	\$ 719,519	\$ 725,000
Program Income & Designated Gifts	294,455	311,190
Total Income	1,013,974	1,036,190
Expenditures	(971,662)	(1,006,347)
Excess (Expense)	\$ 42,312	\$ 29,843

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.

Sun, July 29	8:00A Holy Communion 8:00A Cassie Schermbeck Installation 9:30A SS/Adult Ed 10:45A tenfortyfive/Comm
Mon, July 30	2:00P Loud for Life 6:30P Huddle 7:00P AA/Comp. Eaters
Tues, July 31	10:00A Huddle 7:00P Alanon 7:00P AA
Wed, Aug 1	8:00A JobSeekers 10:30A Ministry Team 6:30P Summer Nights 7:30P tenfortyfive Rehearsal 7:30P AA
Thur, Aug 2	
Fri, Aug 3	9:30A Compulsive Eaters 10:00A Knitters
Sat, Aug 4	7:00A Men's Bible Study 8:30A Bible Study 12:00P AA 5:00P Holy Communion

Sun, Aug 5	8:00A Holy Communion 9:30A SS/Adult Ed 10:45A tenfortyfive/Comm
Mon, Aug 6	1:00P DAR 2:00P Loud for Life 6:30P Huddle 7:00P Strings Practice 7:00P AA/Comp. Eaters 7:30P AA
Tues, Aug 7	10:00A Huddle 7:00P AA 7:00P Alanon
Wed, Aug 8	8:00A JobSeekers 10:30A Ministry Team 7:30P AA 7:30P tenfortyfive Rehearsal
Thur, Aug 9	5:30P Reasonable Faith
Fri, Aug 10	9:30A Compulsive Eaters 10:00A Knitters
Sat, Aug 11	7:00A Men's Bible Study 8:30A Bible Study 12:00P AA 5:00P Service of the Word



Sun, Aug 12	8:00A Service of the Word 9:30A SS/Adult Ed 10:45A tenfortyfive Worship 12:00P Small Group
Mon, Aug 13	1:00P Bookworms 2:00P Loud for Life 6:30P Huddle 7:00P Strings Practice 7:00P AA/Comp. Eaters 7:30P AA
Tues, Aug 14	10:00A Huddle 6:30P Heritage Village HOA 7:00P Alanon 7:00P AA 7:00P Worship Committee
Wed, Aug 15	8:00A JobSeekers 10:30A Ministry Team 1:00P Elderberries 6:15P Huddle 6:30P Mentor Orient/Train 7:30P AA 7:30P tenfortyfive Rehearsal
Thur, Aug 16	6:30P Benevolence Meeting
Fri, Aug 17	9:30A Compulsive Eaters 10:00A Knitters
Sat, Aug 18	7:00A Men's Bible Study 8:30A Bible Study 12:00P AA 5:00P Holy Communion

Sun, Aug 19	Education Kickoff 8:00A Holy Communion 9:30A SS/Adult Ed 9:30A Confirmation Orient. 10:45A tenfortyfive/Comm 12:00P Confirmation Prep
Mon, Aug 20	2:00P Loud for Life 6:30P Huddle 7:00P Strings Practice 7:00P Book Club 7:00P AA/Comp. Eaters 7:30P AA
Tues, Aug 21	10:00A Huddle 4:00P SJO 7:00P Alanon 7:00P AA 7:00P Parish Council
Wed, Aug 22	8:00A JobSeekers 8:30A Personnel Commit. 10:30A Ministry Team 6:15P Huddle 6:30P Confirm/CHAOS 7:30P AA 7:30P tenfortyfive Rehearsal
Thur, Aug 23	
Fri, Aug 24	9:30A Compulsive Eaters 10:00A Knitters
Sat, Aug 25	7:00A Men's Bible Study 8:30A Bible Study 8:30A CPR Training 12:00P AA 5:00P Service of the Word

Sun, Aug 26	8:00A Service of the Word 9:30A SS/Adult Ed 10:45A tenfortyfive Worship
Mon, Aug 27	2:00P Loud for Life 6:30P Huddle 7:00P Strings Practice 7:00P AA/Comp. Eaters 7:30P AA
Tues, Aug 28	10:00A Huddle 5:30P Boy Scouts 7:00P Alanon 7:00P AA
Wed, Aug 29	8:00A JobSeekers 10:30A Ministry Team 6:15P Huddle 6:30P Confirm/CHAOS 7:30P AA 7:30P tenfortyfive Rehearsal
Thur, Aug 30	
Fri, Aug 31	9:30A Compulsive Eaters 10:00A Knitters
Sat, Sept 1	7:00A Men's Bible Study 8:30A Bible Study 12:00P AA 5:00P Holy Communion

Members In Our Prayers

Attendance

Worship Services			Sunday School		
6/30	5:00P	90	Adults		65
7/1	8:00A	283	Children	9:30A	18
	10:45A	265	Children	11:00A	29
7/7	5:00P	119	Adults		64
7/8	8:00A	273	Children	9:30A	27
	10:45A	255	Children	11:00A	25
7/14	5:00P	90	Adults		57
7/15	8:00A	252	Children	9:30A	10
	10:45A	166	Children	11:00A	14
7/21	5:00P	87	Adults		62
7/22	8:00A	261	Children	9:30A	17
	10:45A	186	Children	11:00A	23

Altar Flowers Given in August

- ◆ Steve and Carol Squires-50th Wedding Annv.
- ◆ Glenn and Vernie Combellick-70th Wedding Anniversary

Remember Our Homebound

Eileen Spencer	Laura Fougner
Dorothy Schmid	Atlanta Dye
Jim Fitzjarrell	Duke Hardeman
Mary Wing	Carol Torscher-Hardeman
Stephanie Murray	John Nelson

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays				Anniversaries
Abel, Scott	Haag, Kimberly	Miller, Diane	Schillaci, Joe	David & Jacquie Albertsen
Acosta, Ethan	Hamilton, Joy	Moes, Laura	Schmidt, Jonah	Mitsie & Steve Babby
Allen, Graham	Hemenway, David	Moy, Jessica	Scopelliti, Carmel	Larry & Kathi Baerns
Arbuckle, Jason	Herold, Barb	Muteb, Noah	Shirk, Mary Ann	Kent & Christy Barringer
Beers, Linda	Hewell, Rebecca	Nelson, Ian	Smith, Pam	Don & Elaine Berlinski
Blett, Cody	Hill, Chris	Newlander, Rick	Souther, Chris	Marcus & Candace
Blomenberg, James	Hoffarth, Bob	North, Joshua	Spielmann, Anna	Brinckman
Bond, Dale	Honeyfield, Susan	Nyberg, Carol	Spielmann, Mallori	Justin & Kelly Bruehl
Bridges, Aaron	Hooker, Casen	Oakley, Grace	Spors, Mallory	Bruce & Julie Campbell
Bridges, Jeff	Janssen, Lowell	Oestmann, Andrew	Stephenson, Nicholas	Kevin & Marnie Chambless
Bruehl, Justin	Kennedy, Ron	Oestmann, Sharon	Stewart, Ellis	Samuel Devaraj & Sylvia
Burkinshaw, Nick	Kirk, Grace	Oestmann, Taylor	Stone, Vicky	Chandrasekar
Bush, Cindy	Knappenberger,	Olsen, Dave	Stults, Caleb	Glenn & Vernie Combellick
Chambless, Haley	Knappenberger,	Ott, Monte	Sulzen, Micah	Jim & Sharon DeJong
Cunningham, Carter	Kochenberger,	Palmquist, Kate	Treat, Steve	Stefanie & Mike
DeJong, Signe	Morgan	Parker, Cassandra	Ullmann, Doug	DeMonbrun
DeMonbrun, CJ	Kohlwey, Marty	Parsons, Martha	Urban, Bill	Karl & Challeen Flick
Dietz, Jennifer	Lange, Leila	Peavler, Melody	Urban, Will	Michael & Becky
Ellis, Marc	Leathers, Cheryl	Peecher, Kelly	Vavrik, Dasia	Grammes
Evans, Tanner	Lester, Evangeline	Raether, Camden	Vavrik, Dianna	Glenn & Janet Harm
Fields, Jane	Loesel, Chris	Raether, Rachael	Vavrik, Jeneva	Jay & Megan Hill
Flora, LaRetta	Logan, Camille	Ray, Steve	Wagenknecht, Brooks	Sam & Kirsten Huebner
Foster, Greg	Macklem, Carol	Renninger, Georgia	Wallace, Darriel	Jerry & Diane Miller
Foster, Mary Ann	Macklem, Wade	Rickaby, Ben	Ward, Linda	John & Sally Moos
Francis, Alex	Madrid, Sandra	Riggs, John	Weber, Rob	Marv & Sharon Oestmann
Gagne, Claire	Mapp, Laurence	Robinson, Luke	White, Mary Anne	Zack & Kelly Peecher
Geurts, Redd	McGuigan, Nannette	Rose, Ronald	Winkler, Sara	Dave & Sara Rhode
Giesler, Ralph	McKee, Madison	Rueter, Jim	Woodward, Lauren	Dan & Stephanie Rolf
Grunt, Tanner	McKinster, Lexie	Rutenbeck, Madison	Wulliman, Becky	Tim & Michele Schulteis
	Meador, Kevin	Savage, Liz	Wulliman, Jim	Jim & Tammy Sherman
				Prem & Sally Stephanos
				Pete & Ellen Strom
				Bryan & Rachel Vinz
				Jim & Becky Wulliman

Praying for: Carol Kramer, Yvonne Watson, Rick Blett, Debbie Benson, Dick Stotler, Sara Stuebe, Ann Mericle

Those mourning: Becky Hewell and family as they grieve the sudden death of her brother, John. Donna Nielsen and family, as they mourn the death of **Donna's mother, Erma Russell.**

Rejoice with: Mark and Laura Moore, at the baptism of their son, Vance Joseph. Josh and Jayme Oakley at the birth of their son, Wyatt McClure. Tyler and Katelyn Robbins, at the baptism of their son, Clark Alan. Matt and Rebecca Elmshouser at the birth and baptism of their son, Benjamin Matthew. Nathan and Annica Lester at the birth of their daughter, Verity Beatrice.

Other Prayers: Rejoice in the arrival of the Schermbeck family, Tim, Cassie, Jacob and Sydney, and joyful thanks for the installation of Cassie as our new Director of Faith Development.

If you are in need of care and prayers, please contact the church office at 303-779-1332.



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

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