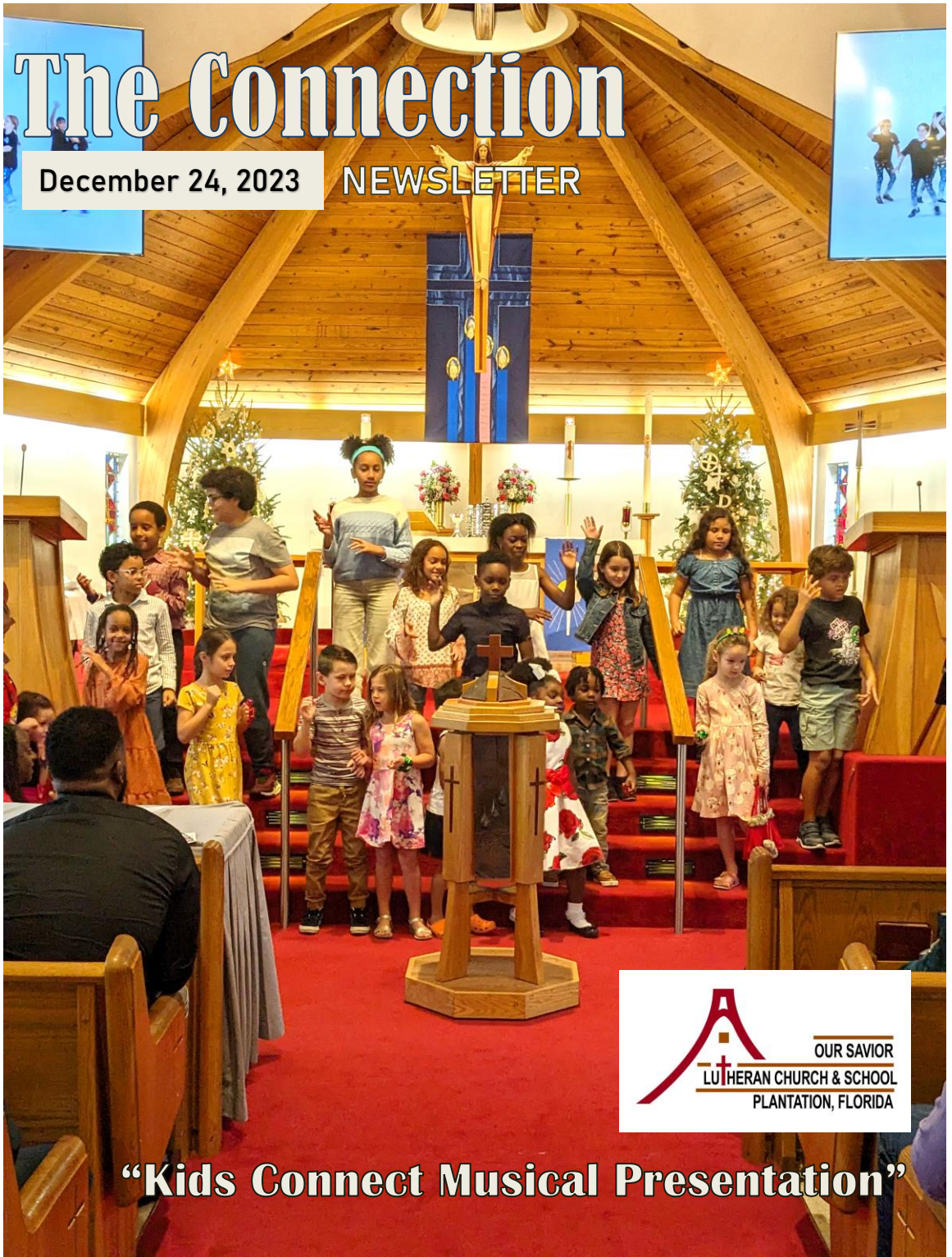


The Connection

December 24, 2023

NEWSLETTER



“Kids Connect Musical Presentation”



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

"Serving Christ—Serving Others—Changing Lives"

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP

There is an 8 am and a 10:30 am service.

Our 10:30 service will also be livestreamed.

You have the option to watch it on Facebook or YouTube.

1) You can go directly to our Facebook page to view the recording directly on our page:

<https://www.facebook.com/OSLSAINTS>

Please note this is a new Facebook page.

2) YouTube Channel - Here is the link for the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCITxiGuZybz72zgCFDyxn6g/live>

The options provided above will be the same each week.

They will not change week to week.



HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERINGS...

We are pleased to announce we have an upgraded mobile app! Vanco, our eGiving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile.

This new mobile app will be replacing GivePlus Mobile. With Vanco Mobile, you can send one-time donations or set recurring gifts.

How Do You Download Vanco Mobile?

It's easy! Head over to the App Store or Google Play to download Vanco Mobile for free. **Be sure to download this app as GivePlus Mobile retired as of September 30, 2021.**

To give using Vanco Mobile, follow these five easy steps:

Search for our church by name.

1. Select your gift amount, fund and frequency.
2. Enter your payment method. (You can save this information for future use!)
3. Choose whether you want to cover processing fees.
4. Click **Submit** to complete your donation.

You can also check out this [Vanco Mobile How-To Guide](#) for step-by-step instructions.

Go online www.oslplantation.church

At the bottom of the home page click on "Giving" in the red banner. This will direct you to Vanco for Simply Giving.

MAIL or DROP-OFF

You may also mail in your offering, or drop it off at the church office. A mail slot has been installed in the door for safe deposit if no one is there.

If you choose either option, please note that it may take a few weeks for your checks to clear. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving.

Weekly Newsletter

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Please keep the following members in prayer:

Betty Hea, Christina Flahive, David and Marianne DeMinck, Roger Detwiler, Jodi Waldron, Barbara and Howard Fischer, Amy Mathis, Les Mellott, Neville Morrison, Paul Krug, Pastor Walter and Gloria Volz, Joe and Sue Franjione, Bill Eicholtz, Rob Latimer, Nancy Volz, Pat Maahs, Linda Verdi, Mike and Lynn Diamond, and Malcolm Sears.

Assisted Living: Melba Wilkat and Maria Flores.

Rehabilitation home: Ron Holub

Hospice Care: Beth Wies

Other Prayer Requests:

Mika Durante teaching in Japan. Church leadership. All former pastors and vicars of Our Savior. Missionaries, chaplains, police, and firefighters. OSLS and Mirror Lake Elementary School; LifeNet4 Families; Food for the Poor; Mission Haiti; Alzheimer's Association; our nation, its leaders, and our president; and all people in the armed services. All those affected by the coronavirus.

Members & Family in the Armed Services:

Austin Simms (nephew of Mitch and Kim VanSant) in Arizona.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 12/24

- Christmas Eve
- 5 P.M. and 7 P.M. Worship

Mon. 12/25

- Christmas Day
- 10 A.M. Worship

Tues. 12/26

- Campus & office closed for tenting

Wed. 12/27

- Campus & office closed for tenting

Thurs. 12/28

- Campus & office closed for tenting

Fri. 12/29

- Campus & office closed for tenting

Sat. 12/30

- Campus & office closed for tenting

Sun. 12/31

- 8 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. Worship
- Adult Bible Study – 9:15 A.M.

Due to the tenting and the corresponding campus closure, there will be no Newsletter for December 31st. On a related note, 2024 offering envelopes will be made available in the Narthex starting on January 7th.

****NOTICE: TERMITE TENTING****

The Church building (including Lutherhall and the church office) will be tented for termites starting **Tues, Dec. 26th until Fri, Dec. 29th**. Please be aware that during this time, staff members will not be available in the church office to answer calls or assist in in-person needs. However, you can always reach out to us by email (please see back of newsletter). Please also keep in mind that all open food and drink items will need to be removed not only from the church, but also, the kitchen, bays, classrooms and school office. These areas will not be safe to enter and will be off limits during the tenting process. The elementary building will not be affected by the tenting. Church services on Dec. 31st will proceed as normal.



Kids Connect music rehearsal on Sun. Dec. 17th, 10:30 service



The Newly Baptized

On Sunday, December 17th, during the 10:30 service, Evie Solange Eugene and Caleb Cruz Qualo were baptized. After the baptismal prayer, Pastor Tony presented them with a baptismal candle which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the world, in the hope that He will enlighten them and allow those who love and support them to accompany them in faith.



Making House Calls for the Holidays

Thanksgiving and Christmas have provided opportunities to show God's love to people in our community. November 20th, a group of 25 people from the Our Savior Lutheran Church and School community participated in a Thanksgiving meal delivery effort. They took donated frozen turkeys, non-perishables and paper goods to 21 homes of families in need in the surrounding area. Then on December 9, caravans of 20 singers departed from the church to visit senior homebound members and local assisted living and rehab facilities. They sang Christmas carols, read Bible verses and prayed at each stop.



School Update

Equipping Our Students to Share Christ

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. (from Psalm 96)



On Saturday, December 2, the Singing Saints, our afterschool choir, took their songs straight to the City of Plantation and proclaimed through music the marvelous love of God during the city's Light Up City Hall event. The students under the direction of music teacher Mrs. Nancy Volz delighted the crowds with a well-loved Christmas carol and a choreographed retelling of We Three Kings among other songs.

On Thursday, December 7, the sanctuary was packed with families hearing about and celebrating the birth of Christ as it unfolded in the musical play A Christmas Yarn. The cast of actors practiced for weeks after school and the remaining students in kindergarten through 8th grade perfected the songs that underscored the storyline and pointed to the joy of Christmas. Following the program, everyone enjoyed the annual Cookie Walk and Ice Cream sale coordinated by the OSL Women's Group.

Both of these student groups have put the verses from Psalm 96 into joyous practice- singing, proclaiming, and declaring to their families and to our community the glory of God!

Campus Improvements

- The impact resistant windows were installed over Thanksgiving.
- The new doors were installed throughout the Bays and Kindergarten.
- Sod was laid on the soccer field



Looking Farther Ahead

- **School-wide Spelling Bee** with our class champions competing at 9 am on **Tuesday, Dec. 12**
- The next **Outdoor Movie Night** is set for **Friday, Dec. 15**. Hope to see you under the stars for a night of fellowship.
- Our **Varsity Basketball** team plays Advent Lutheran in Boca on **December 20**.
- The **school offices will be closed for all of Christmas Break**- December 25 through January 5th – in anticipation of the termite tenting treatment scheduled for the church and the new flat roof to be installed over the Bays and second floor of the school. The school was blessed to be able to designate **\$100,000 toward the cost of the roof**, made possible by another grant the school received this year.
- The celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week begins with Open House on January 21 (12:00 to 2:00 pm) and open enrollment for the community for the next school year.
 - Monday, January 22 -- Grandparents Day
 - Tuesday, January 23 – Snow Day
 - Wednesday, January 24 – Acts of Service Day
 - Thursday, January 25—Pet Parade
 - Friday, January 26 – Field Day
- Save the Date for the Community Garage Sale- Saturday, February 24

DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday!

21st Belinda Aguilar
Ellen Hornacek
22nd Rob Losier
23rd Neville Morrison
24th Carol Smith
25th Goudance Benda
26th Adriana Metin
27th Stacy Bleier
28th Kayla Benda
Zoey Benda
Maria Krug
Lynda Kyse
31st Charlotte Ingmire
Barbara Medley

January Birthdays

2nd Viv Mills
3rd Mishawn Beckford
John Lowe
Michael McLeod
4th Roger Detwiler
Greg Goth
5th Mary Ann O'Keefe
7th Heston Curry Jr.
Parker Strickman
11th Steve Hornacek
12th Jennifer Strickman
13th Beth Albrecht
Kristian Liebig
14th Allison Lopez
17th Aya Durante

Happy Anniversary!

6th Allan and Olga Gotting.....54 years
9th Edward and Anatasha Sears.....13 years
18th Michael and Katelyn Thielen.....6 years
20th Harry and Caitlin Haeseker.....16 years
21st Josie and Jimmy Rivera-Abdo.....21 years
29th Craig and Carol Chaddock.....57 years

January Anniversaries

5th Francisco and Corinna Morales.....22 years
16th Heather and Daniel Bleier.....14 years
31st Garnet and Nan Bhalai.....32 years

December

2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Christmas Day

December 24, 2023 Prayer Letter

Prayers may be emailed to

taedurante@oursaviorplantation.org

**"Prayer list will be updated every two weeks,
for continued prayers please contact the Church office"**

(All anonymous prayers are given to the Pastor)

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

2/5 **Judy Detwiler** requests prayer for healing for all the shut-ins we visit and call and for Jodi Waldron, Beverly Rubinstein, Christian Bifield, Pastor Rader, Luke Strang, Bill Burkhardt, Pat Maahs, and Amy Mathis.

12/17 **Marie DrePaul** "Please keep our family and Tyler in prayers. Thanks, Lord."

12/17 **Synthia Seusarran** "Guidance during this change of life moment we are going through."

12/17 **Norma Miller** "Maxine for healing and comfort for the family of Julius Singleton as they mourn his passing."

12/24 **Chris and Bill Presson** "Courtney and Melanie for healing."

12/24 **Tiffany Fabian-Schmidt** "Continued prayers and blessings poured upon my 3 sons, mother, and myself. Deliver us from all evil and replace it with Your richest blessings. Physically, mentally, spiritually, and financially bless us and give us everlasting peace. We ask this in Your holy name, Amen."

12/24 **Desiree Gaffley** "Praise and thanks, triune God, for mercy, grace, and protection. Thank You for eternal life. We pray that the joy of Christmas—Christ's birth renews our hope and peace, Amen."

Moments of Incarnation

The wonder of the infinite-personal God is displayed, more than anywhere else, in the Incarnation. Nothing can prepare us for the birth of God: a six-pound, four-ounce Jewish boy with dark brown curly hair born in the fall or winter of 5 B.C. in a shepherd's cave on the side of a hill in the city of Bethlehem in the Roman province of Judea in western Asia.

It is so particular it staggers the imagination. God found a parking spot, a specific place and time where his love would touch our world. [Similarly,] prayer is a moment of incarnation — God with us. God involved in the details of my life.

—Paul E. Miller, *A Praying Life*

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Watch Sermons, Events Calendar, Weekly Newsletter, a Link to our Facebook Page. You can even make your donations through the website.

<https://www.facebook.com/OSLSAINTS>

DO YOU NEED HELP AT HOME?

All Projects: Ivan Swartsfigure (954) 865-2206

Windows and Screens: Todd Zenchak (954) 801-4226

Swim Lessons: Cheryl Moore (954) 562-1695

Mary Kay Consultant: Desiree Gaffley (954) 614-5683

Insurance (Auto, home etc.): Tania McGann
 (954) 424-4140 x2224

Juli's Little Houses (Unique greeting cards and paper crafts) Juli Mellott (954) 347-0082

<https://www.julislittlehouses.com/>

Thrivent Financial Advisor: Heather Bleier

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Mia Monteagle: Photography (family, weddings, senior portraits) 954-646-3710,

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Krystle Rumsey: Kate's Happy Trail Dog Grooming
 267-622-3737; akrystle3@gmail.com

House cleaning, painting, and minor repair work:

Olymar All Solution, 754-234-2935

**SIGN UP TO PUT FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL AREA ON SUNDAYS!**

If you would like to have flowers on the altar on a given Sunday in honor of someone, in memory of a loved one, or someone's birthday, etc. All you need to do is fill out this form and put it in the offering plate. The cost is \$25.00 per order; 2 pieces would be \$50.00 (on the same date). Call the church office with any questions. 954-473-6888.

Name _____

Date you would like flowers _____

In Honor, Memory, Celebration, or Thanksgiving for _____

☐ Check this box if you would like to collect your flowers after the 10:30 service. Any unclaimed flowers will be automatically donated to a local nursing home. Thank you.