

The Connection

January 14, 2024

NEWSLETTER



“Kids’ Christmas”



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

"Serving Christ—Serving Others—Changing Lives"

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP

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

Our 10:30 a.m. service is 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 at:

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

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCITxiGuZybz72zgCFDynx6g/live>

The options provided above will be the same each week.



HERE ARE WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERINGS.

We have a mobile app. Vanco, our eGiving provider, furnishes an app called Vanco Mobile.

With it you can send onetime donations or set recurring gifts.

How Do You Download Vanco Mobile?

It's easy. Head to the App Store or Google Play to download Vanco Mobile for free.

To give using Vanco Mobile, first search for our church by name, then follow these five easy steps.

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

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

Go online to www.oslplantation.church

And 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 also may mail your offering to the church or drop it off at the office. If no one is there, you can use the mail slot in the door for safe deposit.

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.

The flowers that adorn the chancel this week were donated by Gloria and Denise Kunz in memory of Charles O. Kunz.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 1/14

- 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship
- Adult Bible Study—9:15 a.m.

Mon. 1/15

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Church office closed.
- Women's Group Meeting—6:30 p.m.

Tues. 1/16

- Properties Meeting—6:30 p.m.

Wed. 1/17

- Bible Brunch—10 a.m.
- Bell Practice—6:30 p.m.

Thurs. 1/18

- *Schedule open.*

Fri. 1/19

- Church office closed.

Sat. 1/20

- Church office closed.

Sun. 1/21

- 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship
- Bake Sale: To go—9 a.m.
- Adult Bible Study—9 a.m.



Seven Life-Giving S A V E S

Just how deadly are the Seven Deadly Sins? This January we begin a Bible discussion series, *Seven Life-Giving Saves*. Please join us for the Wednesday Discussion Group at 10 a.m. in Our Savior Lutheran Church's Luther Hall Conference Room. Each week the participants will reflect on what God's word says about one of the so-called Deadly Sins and how Jesus saves us from it.



2024 Offering Envelopes

The 2024 offering envelope boxes are available in the front entrance to the church. If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes it may be that you are giving online and therefore your contribution is being received automatically.

Also, if you would like your contribution statements for 2023, please see the clipboard in the narthex and leave your name and form of delivery. Thank you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact taedurante@oursaviorplantation.org.



On November 28th, 2023, Michelle Pitts joyfully accepted, with the authorization from the Florida-Georgia Board of Directors, the opportunity to serve in its ministry. She will be serving out the vacated Commissioned Workers position on the board. Michelle is delighted to be working with a team of individuals with a heart for the Lord and His people.

She also is excited about attending her first meeting in Orlando at the end of this month. Michelle's hope is that that you keep her ministries at Our Savior and on the Florida-Georgia Board of Directors in your prayers, asking for God's continued will and His leading in her life.

OSL WOMEN'S GROUP

**OUR JANUARY
MEETING IS
MONDAY THE 15TH**

**WE WILL BE HAVING A
SPEAKER FROM THE
WE CARE FOOD PANTRY**

*please bring canned or boxed
food items that we can donate to
the pantry*

Dinner will be served at 6:30

BLESS BROWARD



one
heart
many
places

A morning of community service at multiple local sites
Saturday, February 10, 2024

- **Ft. Lauderdale Beach Park**—shore clean up
- **Hope Women's Center**—office cleaning and painting
- **Broward residences**—grocery deliveries to the needful
- **Super School**—assemble a Valentine's experience room
- **Broward area**—spring caroling visits to the homebound and hurting

For more information, call Tanya 954-599-6776
 P.A.C.E. service hours available
 Our Savior Lutheran Church, 8001 NW 5th Street, Plantation



Scan to
sign up!

Dear Our Savior Friends,

My family and I wish to thank all of you who blessed us with greeting cards and gifts for Christmas. Our hearts were deeply touched and filled with joy that you thought of us. We wish for you all the happiness that you have given us.

With gratitude,

Tony Durante
 Pastor

The Heart of Our Faith

Christianity affirms that at the heart of reality is a Heart, a loving Father who works through history for the salvation of his children. Man cannot save himself, for man is not the measure of all things and humanity is not God. Bound by the chains of his own sin and finiteness, man needs a Savior.

—Martin Luther King Jr.



School Update

Welcoming Additional Staff

With the start of a new year, we are welcoming three new staff members: Ms. Esther Cadet will be working with children in the preschool. Ms. Jocelyne Leconte is our new Kindergarten Assistant, and Ms. Ingrid Harris primarily will work with our elementary and middle school after-school students. We pray that they are blessed as they serve the students of Our Savior and that their ministry with us also is blessed.

Campus Improvements

- A new roof was installed during the Christmas Break over the Educational Building (Bays) and the second floor. Having the mansard shingles match the church shingles looks great!
- The new doors inside the Bays and Kindergarten were painted.

Registration for 2024-2025

- Reenrollment for current students began Wednesday, January 10.
- Open enrollment for new students begins Sunday, January 21.

Looking Ahead

National Lutheran Schools Week is an annual celebration that promotes the important role of Lutheran schools in the United States and around the world. The theme for the 2023–2024 school year celebration is “Connected.” It is inspired by John 15:5, which is also this year’s school verse. “I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

Our celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week begins with an Open House on January 21 (12:00 to 2:00 p.m.). This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your teachers and visit your classrooms. This also is a great time to introduce friends and neighbors to the school ministry of Our Savior. Open enrollment begins today.

- Monday, January 22—Grandparents Day—(Connected to Family). Interested in being a Grandfriend? Please fill out and turn in the form below.
- Tuesday, January 23—South Florida Snow Day—Yes, we bring in a truck that magically creates “snow” on the playground for the children to experience.
- Wednesday, January 24—Acts of Service Day—(Connected to Christ and our Community). Teaching our children to think beyond themselves and to serve others for the sake of Christ.
- Thursday, January 25—Pet Parade—(Connected to Creation). Through this annual event, our school community supports the Humane Society of Broward County with trunkloads of donations and learns about the care of animals from a Humane Society specialist.
- Friday, January 26—Field Day—(Connected to Each Other). Teamwork, team spirit, and plenty of fun mark this annual event.

Save the Date for the Community Garage Sale—Saturday, February 24.



The photo from the left was taken during the Kids Connect celebration for Christmas Eve.

JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday!

- 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
- 18th Mika Durante
Christine Khan
- 20th Ramnarace Seusarran
- 21st Brian Schafer
- 22nd Drew Clark
- 23rd Hayden Hewitt
- 25th Joyce Aurand
Joe Franjione
- 27th Beverly Embrack
Norma Miller
- 30th Annette Burn
Josie Rivera-Abdo
- 31st Brock Van Sant

Happy Anniversary!

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

January							2024
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 <small>New Year's Day</small>	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15 <small>Martin Luther King Day</small>	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31				

January 14, 2024, Prayer Letter

Prayers may be emailed to

taedurante@oursaviorplantation.org.

**The 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

1/14 **Judy Detwiler** requests prayers of 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.

1/14 **Patricia Phillip**: "I am asking for prayers for health, strength, wisdom, and prosperity. In Jesus' holy name, Amen."

1/14 **Desiree Gaffley**: "Praise God for untold blessings, health, healing, protection, and provision. Thank you, Jesus, for forgiveness and eternal life. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for being our helper. Guide us to know and do Your will. In Jesus's name, Amen."

1/14 **Chris and Bill Presson**: "Courtney and Melanie for healing."

1/14 **James Leone**: "Please pray that our mom's dog, Boomer, has a successful surgery. Boomer is our mom, Phyllis's, companion after the death of our father last July. Thank you."

1/14 **Te'Jani Jackson**: "Father God, I am asking for prayers of perseverance, healing, a new job, finance, and for my band to grow in abundance. Father, guide me, protect me, and lead me through Your path of righteousness. Amen."

1/14 **Te'Jari Jackson**: "Father, guide my mind, my feet, my heart, and my soul as I enter into 2024. Make me a better me; show me Your way, Lord. Heal me from all pain and suffering. Bless me from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet. Amen."

1/14 **Te'Jaii Jackson**: "I am asking for prayers of healing from all the pain I have encountered from losing a loved one. Father, guide my thoughts, my heart, and my feet. Lead me through Your path of righteousness. Bless me from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet. Amen."

1/14 **Tiffany Fabian-Schmidt**: "Continued prayers for strength, wealth, prosperity, perseverance, and God's richest blessings upon my 3 sons and myself. Amen."

1/7 **Marie DrePaul**: "Please keep our family and Tyler in prayers. Thanks, Lord."

1/7 **Lynda Kyse**: "Blessings in 2024 to Pastor and family and to our church."

1/7 **Kim and Mitch Van Sant**: "Prayers for our son, Joe."

1/7 **Colin and Ginette Orrett**: "Pray for health."

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Watch sermons and view the Events Calendar and Weekly Newsletter. There also is a link to our Facebook Page.

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

You can even make your donations through the website.

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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**SIGN UP TO PUT FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL 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 to commemorate a 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; two pieces would cost \$50.00. Call the church office if you have 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 donated to a local nursing home. Thank you.*