

The Connection

January 28, 2024

NEWSLETTER



“National Lutheran School’s Week 2024”



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 live streamed.

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 four 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 the Lay Ministry Fellowship Board.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 1/28

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

Mon. 1/29

- Bible Fellowship—2 p.m.

Tues. 1/30

- *Schedule open.*

Wed. 1/31

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

Thurs. 2/1

- *Schedule open.*

Fri. 2/2

- Church office closed.

Sat. 2/3

- Church office closed.

Sun. 2/4

- 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship
- Adult Bible Study—9 a.m.
- Lay Ministry Meeting—12:15 p.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.



The Women's Group continues to believe that we need to F.R.O.G. (Fully Rely On God). Please join us as we discover all the wonderful things that can happen when you F.R.O.G.

The Women's Group meets the third Monday of each month in the Lakeview Room. We begin with a meal at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. All women of the congregation are invited to join us.

OSL Women's Group has chosen the WECARE FOOD PANTRY as one of our service projects. We are asking everyone to consider bringing any nonperishable food items to church today, January 28th. If you have any questions, please contact either Jodi Hurst at (954) 445-8818 or Juli Mellott at (954) 347-0082.

—Thank you in advance for your generosity.



The Newly Baptized

On Wednesday, January 24th, Evelyn Heide Marie Eriksen was baptized. After the baptismal prayer, Pastor Tony presented the family with a baptismal candle which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the world, in the hope that He will enlighten Evelyn and allow those who love and support her to accompany her in faith.

BLESS BROWARD



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!**



Contact:
Michelle
912-247-9744



School Update

This past week we celebrated National Lutheran School Week by focusing on our Connection to Christ, to Family, to Service, to God's Creation, and to Each Other.

The week began with students serving at the 10:30 service on **Sunday, January 21**, as greeters and Scripture readers. In addition, one of our school parents, Dina Dolan, gave a testimonial that reflected on the impact that the church's school ministry has had on her son in 4th grade and on her family. If you missed her testimonial, you can listen to it [here](https://youtu.be/mNOW2nfO1pU) or type in <https://youtu.be/mNOW2nfO1pU>

Following the service, we hosted our 2024 Open House, with nearly 40 families visiting our campus. Members of our National Junior Honor Society gave tours and directed visitors to the classroom and teachers. This marked the start of Open Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year.



On **Monday**, we celebrated **Grandparents Day** with more than 160 grandparents and another five or six grandfriends from our church membership. It was a very special morning with programs for both Preschool and Elementary/Middle. Those programs can be viewed at the links to the left.

K through 8 Grandparents' Day Chapel:

<https://youtube.com/live/M4qzF9IMV4M>

Preschool Grandparents' Day Chapel:

<https://youtube.com/live/0aZhoLrtlys>

Short Video Presentation of Preschool during the school day:

<https://youtu.be/Wv4OF-nQyMI>



School Update (continued)



Snow Day—South Florida Style was the highlight on **Tuesday**. A company created a mound of snow in the morning on the elementary playground and parent volunteers helped serve the hot chocolate. Members of our middle school headed to Pines Ice Arena for a morning of skating. Even with the temperature hovering at 78°F, the smiles never melted.

Wednesday, known as Superhero Day, marked the start of our **Acts of Service**, which this year involves families donating items that the children will add—along with notes of gratitude—to the thank-you bags for the 168 firefighters and EMS personnel throughout Plantation.

The next day, **Thursday**, brought a favorite event—the **OSL Pet Parade**. This occasion not only provides children with a space to share their special family members but also furnishes another service opportunity, because we collect items for the Humane Society of Broward County.

The week ended on **Friday** with **Field Day** in the morning. Students competed in events like the 50-yard dash, basketball shots, the obstacle course, and football throw. That evening, the church's Children and Youth Ministry held a **Nerf Tag event** just for **Middle School**.

Throughout the week, children learned about Australia and God's work there through the Gospel Adventures program of Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Looking Ahead

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

Save the Date to Setup for Superhero Training Academy—Friday, March 1.

The lead organizer is Trisha DePasquale, kindergarten teacher. This event will be in place of Princess or Knight for a Day. Church members continue to be a wonderful part of the success of these events for the community. Please reach out to Trisha DePasquale at tdepasquale@oursaviorplantation.org.

Save the Date for Superhero Training Academy—Saturday, March 2 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (for children from 3 years old to 3rd grade).

JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday!

- 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

February Birthdays

- 1st Connor Brangan
- 2nd Janice Evans
- 5th Patricia Jablansky
- Blake Nolte
- Preston Strickman
- 6th Daniel Bleier
- 7th Timothy Brangan
- 10th Slovy Bernard
- Edith Southerton
- 12th Ingrid Pisasik

Happy Anniversary!

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

February Anniversaries

- 1st David and Marianne DeMinck.....61 years
- 2nd James and Jodi Hurst.....4 years
- 24th Michael and Desiree Gaffley.....45 years
- 28th Scott and Kathryn Simpson.....26 years
- 29th Robert and Rosemary Johnson.....60 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 28, 2024, Prayer Letter

Prayers may be emailed to

taedurante@oursaviorplantation.org.

**The prayer letter 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

1/28 **Marie DrePaul:** "Please pray for Tyler. Please pray for my family and everyone who needs the Lord."

1/28 **Chris and Bill Presson:** "Courtney and Melanie for healing."

1/28 **Okayra Tanco:** "Family and health."

1/28 **Robert Joseph Faust:** "Family and health."

1/28 **Cindy Davis:** "For my cousin, Theresa Miller, who is fighting a very aggressive form of multiple myeloma; for her husband, James, and all the family supporting her and needing prayers of support themselves; for the doctors and the entire healthcare team at MD Anderson who are caring for her."

1/28 **Norma Miller:** "For Maxine and Luce who have cancer. Pray for healing. Thanking God that Luce is doing better with treatment."

1/28 **Maritza Perdomo:** "For Arismendi."

1/28 **Olga Gotting:** "God, please help the poor and sick."

1/28 **Tiffany Fabian-Schmidt:** "I am asking for healing prayers from the pain of losing so many loved ones so senselessly. Father, guide us, protect us, and lead us through Your path. From the crown of our heads to the soles of our feet. Cover us with Your blood. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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.

1/21 **Desiree Gaffley:** "Praise God from whom all blessings flow. I pray for peace, wisdom, kindness, and forgiveness for the world and the USA. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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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,
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<http://instagram.com/miamontealegrephotography>**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 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.