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Our Savior Lutheran Church Newsletter | February 22, 2026



OSLS teachers Kristin Becker and Carisa Meier named Teachers of the Month in Plantation (p.3).



SUN. 2/22

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services

Blood Bus—9 a.m. | Bible Study—9:15 a.m.

Kids Connect—10:30 a.m.

Birthday Club —12:30 p.m.

MON. 2/23–TUES. 2/24

Schedule open

WED. 2/25

Discussion Group: Christian Movies—10 a.m.

LENTEN WORSHIP—12:15 p.m.

Handbells Practice—6:30 p.m.

THURS. 2/26

Church Planning Council Meeting—6 p.m.

FRI. 2/27–SAT. 2/28

Church office closed

SUN. 3/1

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Schedule open

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Handbells Practice—6:30 p.m.

THURS. 3/5

Schedule open

FRI. 3/6

Humans vs Zombies (Youth Event)—6 p.m.

SAT. 3/7

Church office closed

Please keep the following
OSL church members in prayer:

Members & Family in the Armed Services:

Dustin Douglas (son-in-law of Les and Juli Mellott) at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Tacoma, WA; **Scott Tucek** (son of Carol Tucek) at Yokota Air Base in Japan.

Haroldo Camacho, Jade Cruz, Marianne DeMinck, Roger Detwiler, Janice Evans, Howard Fischer, Sue Franjione, Betty Hea, Bob Johnson, Prentis Johnson, Robert Latimer, James Leone, Anthony Linley, Les Mellott, Malcolm Sears, Jennifer Sird-De La Horra, Robert Spencer, Linda Verdi, Nancy Volz, and Jodi Waldron.

Rehabilitation Home: Ron Holub



Share your power.

February 22, 2026

9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Schedule your appointment via the QR code..



FEBRUARY 2026

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MARCH 2026

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PLANTATION TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

At 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, Our Savior Lutheran School teachers Kristin Becker and Carisa Meier were honored at the Plantation City Council meeting as the December and January Plantation Teachers of the Month. Plantation Mayor Nick Sortal presented Kristin and Carisa with their award at the council meeting along with several teachers of various local schools and grades.

We give thanks to God for their faithful service and joyful dedication to our students. As the dynamic duo behind our Christmas musical, they bring the story of Christ's birth to life each year. Many also know CM as our Sunday worship organist and handbell player, faithfully leading us in praise. We are truly blessed by their gifts and celebrate this well-deserved recognition.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EDITH: CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!

We joyfully celebrate Edith Southerton as she turns 100 years old on Tuesday, February 10, 2026! Students from OSLS surprised her with one hundred birthday cards. What a remarkable milestone, and what a blessing she has been over the years at Our Savior. Please join us in congratulating Edith on becoming a centenarian and wishing her many blessings in the days ahead.

Pictured with Edith are her great granddaughter, Lilith (who also had her first birthday) along with her son Steven and granddaughter Kristina.

A Walk with JESUS

He set his face to go to Jerusalem.
—Luke 9:51

LENT 2026

Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. | Sundays at 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Lakeview Room

Watch Christian Movies With Us for Lent!

2/25—Walking Across Egypt

3/4—Secondhand Lions

3/11—War Room

3/18—Unbroken

3/25—Courageous

4/1—Overcomer

BLESS BROWARD



A morning of community service at multiple local sites Saturday, March 14, 2026

- **Ft. Lauderdale Beach Park**—shore clean up
- **Lippman Youth Shelter**—Serenity Garden planting
- **Homes of the Needful**—grocery delivery and prayer
- **Port Everglades**—delivering care packages to boat crew members
- **Local Homebound**—spring caroling to seniors and the grieving

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!**

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School Annual Fund 2025-2026



IT'S TIME TO MAKE A CHANGE!

The “Saints Sports Court”



Fun for Everyone!

Our new “Saints Sport Court” is a safe, modular surface that will meet the needs of our students during the day and our athletic teams after school.

It will also provide the perfect space for our community to play a wide variety of sports, safely, right on our campus, promoting a healthy lifestyle within our school and church family.

Imagine a space for basketball, volleyball, pickleball or street hockey ...a place for tournaments, athletic leagues, parties and family gatherings. This dream will be come a reality with your help!

We need to raise at least \$150,000 for this major enhancement to our school and church property and programs.

Here is how you can help...

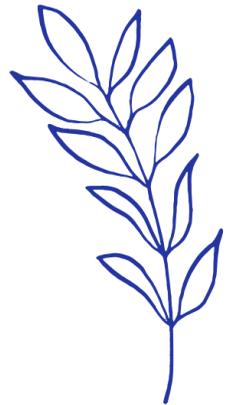
- Give what you can...we need to raise \$150,000 to fund this major improvement. Your gift of \$100, \$250 or any amount will move us closer to our goal!
- Pray daily for Our Savior Lutheran Church and School and for the ever growing vision of our campus.
- Please donate online at Cash, as well as checks, are accepted in the office.

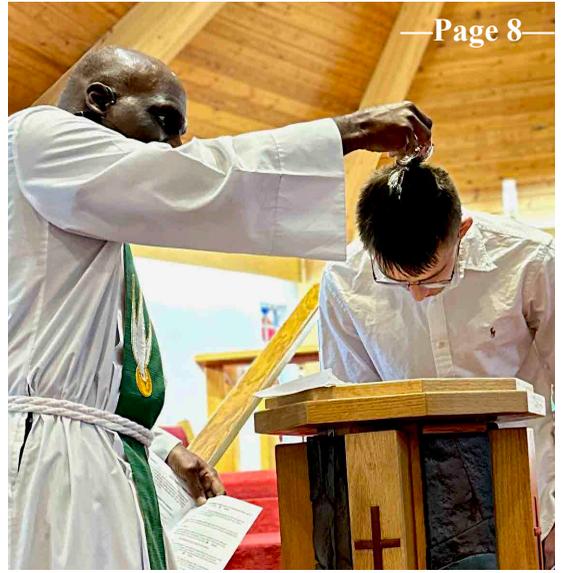


Our Gratitude Grows with Every Gift!

Your donations are greatly appreciated! Our community thrives because of supporters like you. Help us grow our roots even deeper. Our “Tree of Giving” will be displayed for generations to come. For a donation of \$500, a bronze leaf with your name will be displayed on the tree. For a donation of \$1,000, a silver dove with your name will be displayed around the tree. For a donation of \$2,500, your name and inscription on a gold stone will be displayed near the base of the tree.

\$500 Donation	Bronze Leaf
\$1,000 Donation	Silver Dove
\$2,500 Donation	Gold Stone





BAPTISMS We joyfully celebrated the baptisms of three young people at Our Savior Lutheran Church. At the 8:00am service, **Reid Himmelsbach**, a 16-year-old who has been attending the early service, received the gift of Holy Baptism. At the 10:30am service, OSLs parents Astrid and Jordan Hall celebrated the baptisms of two of their daughters, **Sylena** and **June**. Welcome to God's family! May He keep you in the promises given through Baptism.



2026 Chili Cook-Off Winners:

1st Place-Nicole Linley

2nd Place-Agnes Karabetsov



On Saturday, February 7, 2026, we had a wonderful turn out of 33 taste-testers and 9 amazing cooks. Nicole took first place with her smokey chili, Agnes following second with her pumpkin-based chili.



FEBRUARY FLOWERS



As of this Sunday, we now have \$2,507 in our flower fund. That is enough to cover two bouquets for 50 Sundays.

FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to direct your contribution toward our **general flower fund**, please write "Flower Fund" on the memo line or envelope.

For **personal orders**, kindly fill out the **Chancel Flower Sign-Up** slip (on the back of the newsletter) and include it with your payment. We currently only accept checks, cash, or VANCO payments. Please notify the church office when giving through the VANCO* app or website.

**If you choose to give by credit card (via VANCO), please consider including the processing fee so the church receives the full amount of your gift.*



**MITE BOXES ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX.**



Scan the QR code above or visit www.lwml.org/mites to learn more about the history of Mite Boxes.

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program.



WHAT TO EXPECT FOR TITHES, OFFERINGS, & YEAR-END STATEMENTS IN 2026

Dearest brothers and sisters in Christ,

Starting January 2026, Our Savior Lutheran Church will start a new method of recording your monetary gifts, tithes, and offerings.

Offering envelopes were originally designed to provide financial records for registered members, primarily for tax deduction purposes. Due to changes in tax deductions, this accounting is no longer necessary for your tax returns.

Following current tax law guidelines, **Our Savior will no longer track individual offerings.** It will now be your personal responsibility to keep records of your gifts, tithes, and offerings. Hence, **the church office will no longer provide any year-end giving print outs for your taxes.** Any donation receipts, if required, will be handled as per the tax law guidelines.

After careful review and consultation with our finance team, we confirmed that **the church is legally required to provide written receipts only for single, undivided contributions of \$250 or more.** Therefore, going forward, if you wish to receive a paper receipt, contributions must be made as a single, bulk donation of the aforementioned amount. These receipts will be generic and simple in nature in consideration of our volunteer-based and limited staffing. Please expect only the date of deposit, total contribution amount, the church's EIN, and a statement confirming that no goods or services were provided in exchange for the generous donation.

Please be assured that Our Savior Lutheran Church will continue to maintain a system of internal checks and balances when collecting, counting, depositing and documenting service collections, as required by tax law.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and generosity.

In Christ,
Your Office Staff & Volunteers
Our Savior Lutheran Church

BIRTHDAYS

FEB 18

Bradley Bhalai
Dolor Ginchereau

FEB 19

David Volz

FEB 25

Pastor Tony Durante

FEB 26

Linda Verdi

FEB 28

Maureen Burrows

FEB 29

Olga Gotting

MAR 2

Lollie Sollanek

MAR 3

Harmony Haeseke

MAR 4

Elise Koontz

MAR 9

Mercedes Camacho

MAR 9

Cheryl Topalian

MAR 12

Pamela King

MAR 14

Carol Tucek

MAR 16

Roger Clavelli

MAR 17

Derby Hardy

MAR 21

Christopher Bhalai

MAR 21

John Strang

MAR 22

Ella Westby

MAR 27

Donna Watson

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

FEB 24

Michael & Desirée Gaffley (47)

FEB 29

Robert & Rosemary Johnson (62)

MAR 2

Heston & Sandra Curry (24)

MAR 4

Ann & Stephen Papp (31)

MAR 21

Erica & Robert Betz (14)

MAR 25

John & Michelle Wheeler (31)

*Please help us update
our computer
databases!*

If you are a member and have not seen your birthday or anniversary listed in our newsletter, kindly contact Mika at, (954) 473-6888 or mdurante@oursaviorplantation.org.

Not sure if you're a member? Contact us. We'd love to help you find out!



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Easter Lily Order Form

All orders are due **Sunday, March 15th.**

If you wish to donate an Easter lily plant as a memorial or as a gift to adorn the chancel during the Easter season, please let us know by returning this form with payment attached. We currently only accept checks made out to "Our Savior Lutheran Church", cash, or VANCO payments*.

If using a **credit card on VANCO, please consider including the **processing fee** to help cover the full cost of flowers.*

Please print names clearly.

Name: _____

In Honor/Memory/Celebration Of: _____

For office:

Paid:

Number of Plants Desired (\$25 Ea.): _____

