

THE CONNECTION

Weekly Newsletter

BLESS BROWARD EDITION

March 22, 2026





SUN. 3/22

New Member Reception (*both services*)

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

Bible Study—9:15 a.m. | Kids Connect—10:30 a.m.

Birthday Club —12:30 p.m.

MON. 3/23–TUES. 3/24

Schedule open

WED. 3/25

Discussion Group: Christian Movies—10 a.m.

LENTEW WORSHIP SERVICE—12:15 p.m.

Handbells Practice—6:30 p.m.

THURS. 3/26

Church Planning Council Meeting—6 p.m.

FRI. 3/27–SAT. 3/28

Church office closed

PALM SUNDAY 3/29

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

Bible Study—9:15 a.m.

Kids Connect—10:30 a.m.

MON. 3/30–TUES. 3/31

Schedule open

WED. 4/1

Discussion Group: Christian Movies—10 a.m.

Handbells Practice—6:30 p.m.



MAUNDY THURSDAY 4/2

WORSHIP SERVICE—7 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY 4/3

WORSHIP SERVICE—12:15 p.m. & 7 p.m.

SAT. 4/4

Church office closed

**Please keep the following
OSL church members in prayer:**

Haroldo Camacho, Jade Cruz, Marianne DeMinck, Roger Detwiler, Janice Evans, Howard Fischer, Sue Franjione, Betty Hea, Kristen Iannorone, 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.

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.

Rehabilitation Home: Ron Holub

*If you have prayer requests, please let us know by filling out a **Connect Card** or **colored prayer card** found in the pews. Our Prayer Team (Debi Bauer, Norma Miller, Robert Spencer, and John and Jodi Waldron) will gather the cards and pray for those needs. For personal prayers and/or additional spiritual guidance, please contact Pastor Tony at (954) 473-6888.*



A Walk with JESUS

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

LENT 2026

Wednesdays (2/25–3/25) at 12:15 p.m. | Sundays at 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

HOLY WEEK 2026 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

[4/2] Maundy Thursday
7 p.m.

[4/3] Good Friday
12:15 p.m. & 7 p.m.

[4/5] Easter Sunday Worship
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



BINGO NIGHT FIESTA

SAT. 3. 28. 2026

6 P.M.

- BINGO GAMES FOR ALL AGES
- TOY PRIZES FOR KIDS
- TASTY TACOS
- MUSIC & FUN

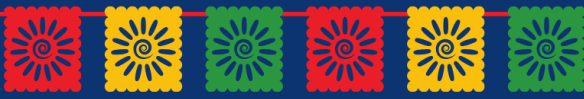
*A ticket (\$10 ea.) includes:
1 meal with a drink, 2 BINGO cards*



FOR TICKETS & MORE
INFORMATION CALL :

(954) 465.7023

BENEFITING THE PTO AT
OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL



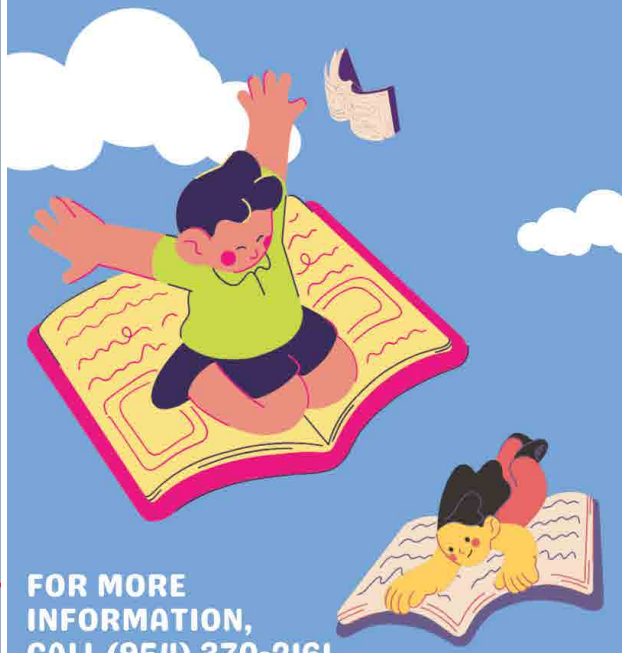
BOOK FAIR

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL
8001 NW 5th STREET, PLANTATION, FL 33324

SUNDAY

3. 29. 2026

9:15 AM - 12:00 PM



FOR MORE
INFORMATION,
CALL (954) 370-2161.

Freed!

Good Friday, April 3 **Remembering Jesus' Death**

12:15 p.m. - Traditional Service

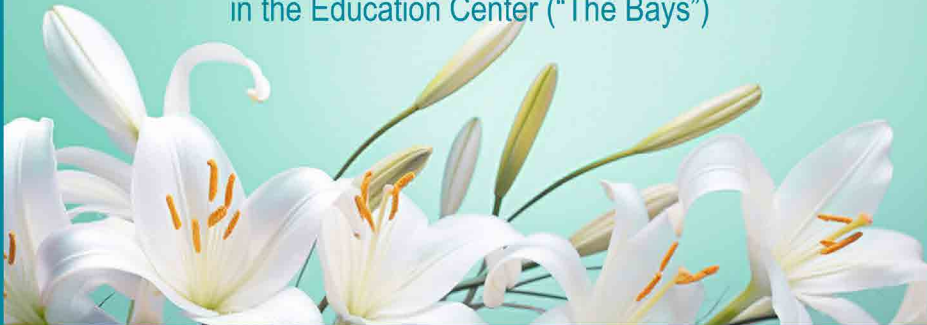
7:00 p.m. - Worship featuring
a dramatic visual

Easter Sunday, April 5 **Celebrating Jesus' Resurrection**

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Service

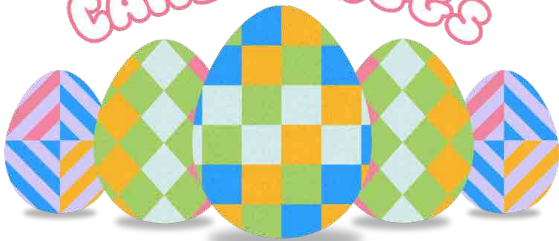
10:30 a.m. - Worship featuring hymns,
praise music and an outdoor Easter egg hunt

9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. - Breakfast
in the Education Center ("The Bays")



954-473-6888

EASTER CANDY & EGGS



LET'S MAKE THIS EASTER
EGG-CELLENT!



We're on the hunt for plastic easter eggs and candy to make this year's egg hunt even sweeter!

Eggs can be pre-assembled or pre-filled.

Candy donations are also welcome. Thank you for your support!

Drop-off Location:
YOUTH ROOM (LUTHER HALL)

Deadline:
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

For more information, contact [Ellen Clark](mailto:Ellen.Clark@our-savior.org) at [\(954\) 473-6888](tel:954-473-6888).



BLESS BROWARD

Our Savior Lutheran

March 14, 2026



On March 14, 2026, roughly 100 people from local Lutheran congregations participated in Bless Broward, a morning of community service at various locations in the area. Our Savior in Plantation, Shepherd of the Coast, and Trinity in Fort Lauderdale sent combined teams of volunteers from all three churches into the community that morning to share the love of Jesus.

A caravan of spring carolers visited the residences of the homebound and ailing, while a half-dozen drivers delivered bags of groceries to eight families in need, departing from Our Savior. A group of 16 walked from Shepherd of the Coast to sing carols at two neighboring nursing homes.

At Trinity, a team of 44 adults and youth visited crews on merchant ships at Port Everglades to share the Word of

God, pray, sing, and deliver care packages with Gideon Bibles. Meanwhile, volunteers at the Lippman Youth Shelter in Oakland Park completed the third phase of a Serenity Garden project begun during Bless Broward 2025. Many participants also helped with the City of Fort Lauderdale's beach clean-up.

Our Savior Lutheran School's National Junior Honor Society students, parents, and youth from American Heritage Girls Troop 1483 joined volunteer groups at the beach, Lippman Youth Shelter, and Port Everglades. Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Weston also participated in two of the activities. Each service project was well attended by parents and students from Our Savior's and Shepherd of the Coast's schools.

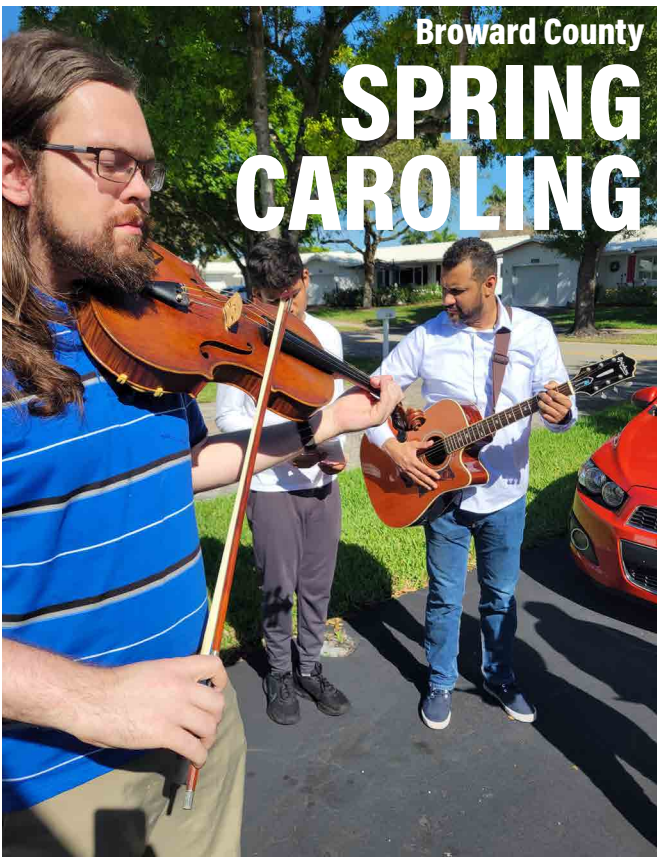
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BLESS BROWARD (CONT.) The community service day began at Our Savior as Bless Plantation in 2023, with the goal of mobilizing laity in community outreach by creating opportunities to share their passions with others. As the annual event expanded to include other congregations and sites in additional cities, it came to be known as “Bless Broward.”

*“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.
There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.”
— 1 Corinthians 12:4–6*





SERENITY GARDEN PROJECT



Lippman Youth Shelter, Oakland Park, FL

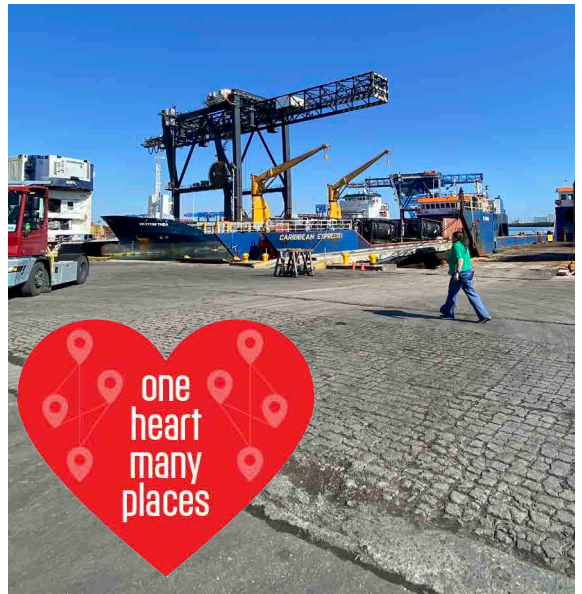


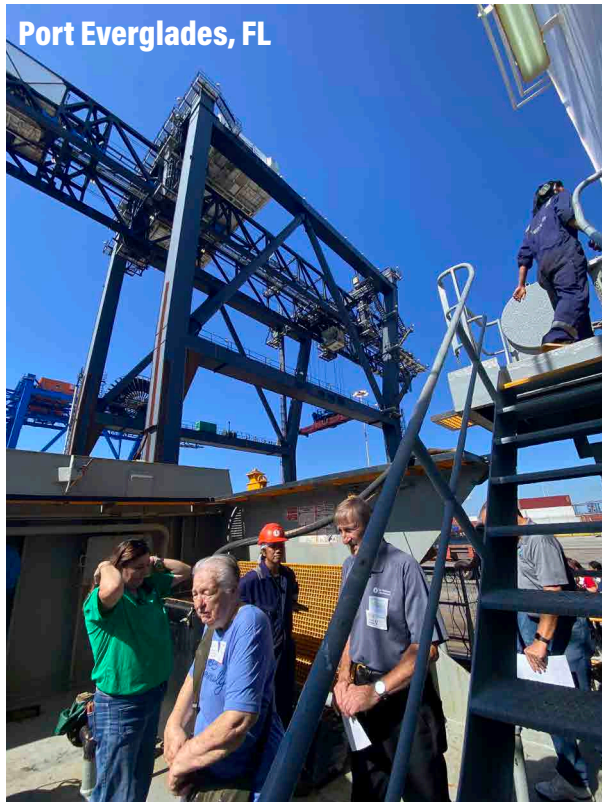




Port Everglades, FL

SEAFARER CARE





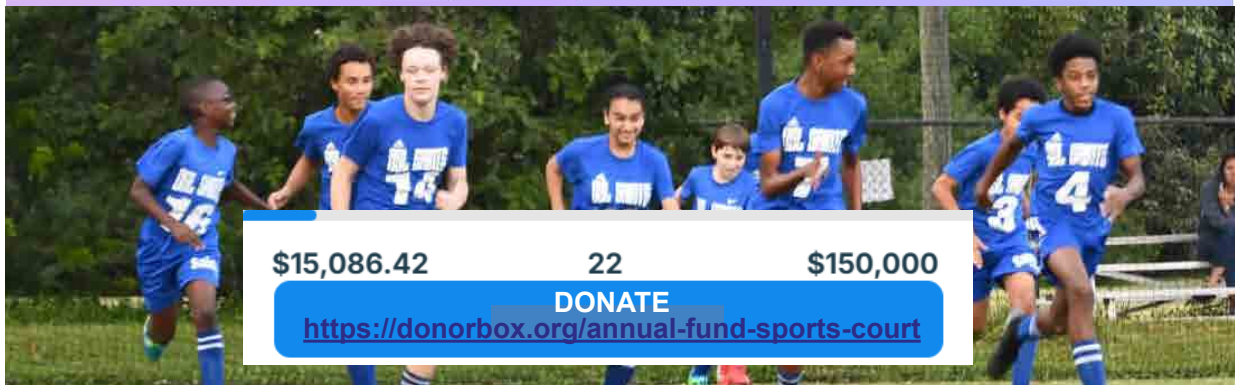
Our Savior Lutheran Church and School Annual Fund 2025-2026



IT'S TIME TO MAKE A CHANGE! The "Saints Sports Court"

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 with the QR code or link (above). Cash, as well as checks (payable to Our Savior Lutheran School), are accepted in the office.



GET IN THE GAME! We are starting from the ground up, and we need your help. The playing field at OSL has long been a field of struggling grass and expanding patches of dusty ground. No more with the installation of a multi-sport court surface our students will have a dedicated, safe, clean space to play, practice, and compete. Imagine a space for us to hold tournaments, play pickleball, volleyball, basketball and more, and host church or family gatherings. To help turn that dusty play field into a Field of Dreams, please get in the game and donate today!



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(@osl.church)



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(Our Savior Lutheran
Church Plantation)



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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!

BIRTHDAYS

MAR 21

Christopher Bhalai
John Strang

MAR 22

Ella Westby

MAR 27

Donna Watson

APR 2

Helen Balkie
Monica Westby

APR 3

Denise Kunz

APR 5

Kate Koontz

APR 6

Anneli Liebig

APR 7

Nan Bhalai

APR 8

Ethel Louise Acton
Susan Grimmett
APR 9
Camio Bernard
Charlotte Brangan

APR 10

Gail McGowan

APR 11

Susan Reinhardt

APR 12

Brenda Saunders

APR 13

Paul Krug
Gloria Volz

APR 15

Patricia Maynard

APR 16

Michael Duffy
Claire Edwards
Denise Hayle

Steve Stephenson

APR 17

Alicia Boatwright

APR 18

Caitlin Haeseker

APR 19

Kai Zoe Fellows

APR 20

Michael Aldrich
Phyllis Jahn

APR 23

Cheryl Moore

APR 25

Marley Fellows

APR 26

Beth Ahrens

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

MAR 21

Erica & Robert Betz (14) Jennifer & Howard Strickman (30)

MAR 25

John & Michelle Wheeler (31) Dolor & Mary Ginchereau (43)

APR 1

Duane & Carol R. Srot (37)

APR 8

Cary & Libby Ehrenfeld (54)

APR 10

Rodger & Maureen Burrows (27)

APR 11

Manuel & Jennifer S. De La Horra (17)

APR 13

Jennifer & Howard Strickman (30)

APR 16

Dolor & Mary Ginchereau (43)

APR 19

Benjamin & Monica Westby (18)

APR 21

Paul Chang & Denise Hayle (20)

Michael & Cathy Koontz (25)

APR 30

Colin & Ginette Orrett (10)



MARCH FLOWERS



The flowers adorning the chancel this month were graciously provided by:

- **[3/1] Ray Long** in loving memory of May Long Lombardi and in celebration of Kristen Long Bijker's birthday; **Linda Root** in loving memory of her mother, Evelyn Boyd.

As of this Sunday, we now have **\$2,457** in our **flower fund**. That is enough to cover two bouquets for **49 Sundays**. Thanks be to God!



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ALTAR 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 and include it with your payment. These are found below or in the pews. We currently only accept checks, cash, or VANCO payments. Please notify the church office when giving through the VANCO a-pp 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.*



CHANCEL FLOWERS SIGN-UP



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 of _____

FOR OFFICE:
of bouquets _____
\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Paid ____ / ____ / ____

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