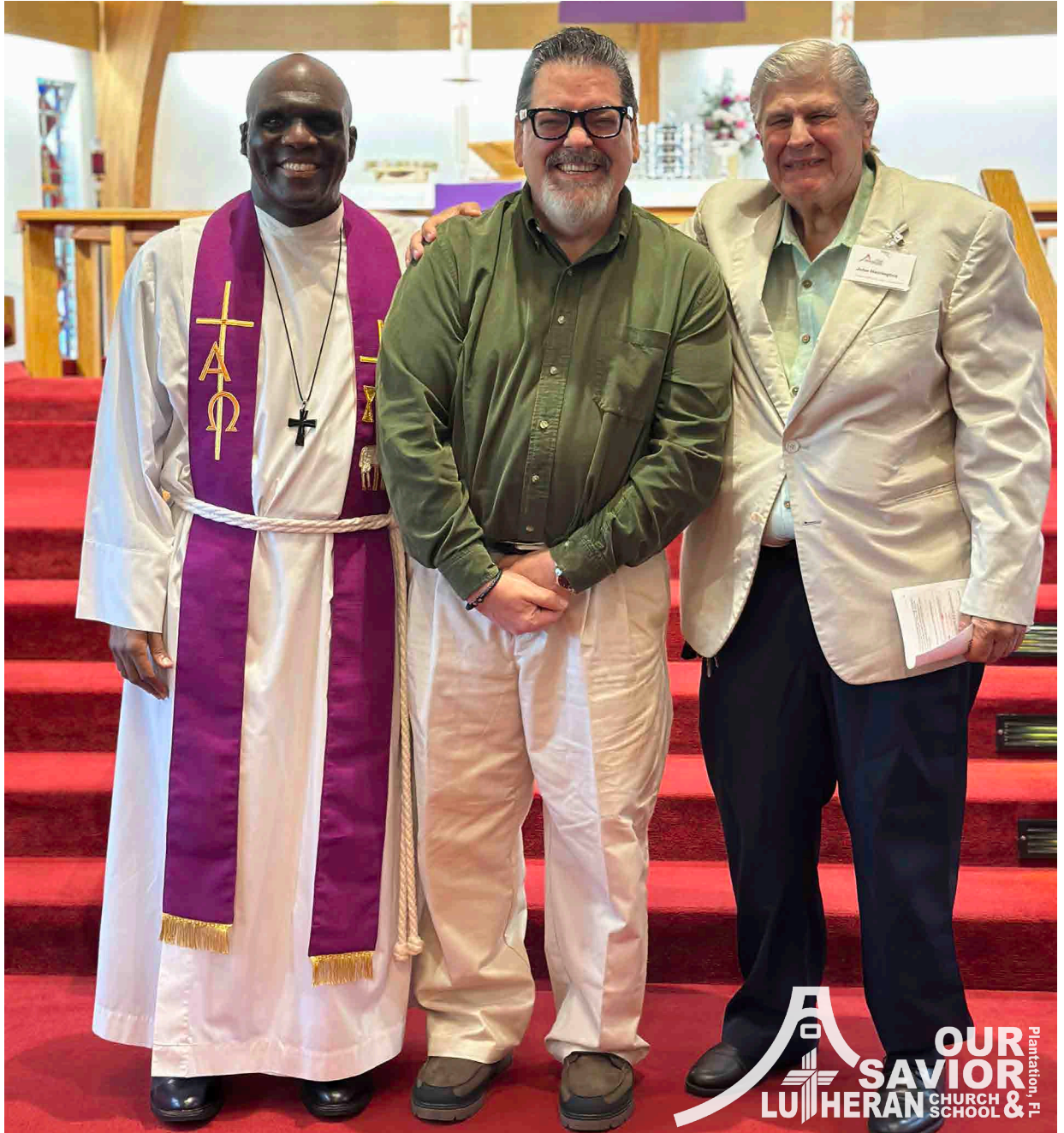


THE CONNECTION

Weekly Newsletter

March 29, 2026



Our Savior Lutheran Church receives seven new members on Sunday, March 22, 2026 (p.3)



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Shining Bright

SERVING CHRIST • SERVING OTHERS • CHANGING LIVES

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Celebratory Service at 10:30 a.m.

Dinner to Follow at 1:00 p.m.

Colony West Golf Course

6850 NW 88th Ave | Tamarac, FL 33321

Join us as we celebrate 65 years of God's faithfulness and the impact of our church community. Enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, food, and joyful reflection.

All are welcome!

Tickets on Sale — Adults \$40

Children 10 and under \$10

To RSVP and learn more, call Juli Mellott at (954) 473-6888.



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

EASTER SUNDAY 4/5

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
Bible Study—9:15 a.m. | Easter Breakfast—9 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt—10:30 a.m.

MON. 4/6–TUES. 4/7

Office closed in observance of Easter

WED. 4/8

Discussion Group—10 a.m.
Handbells Practice—6:30 p.m.

THURS. 4/9

Schedule open

FRI. 4/10– SAT. 4/11

Church office closed

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

Haroldo Camacho, Carol Chaddock, Marianne DeMinck, Roger Detwiler, Claire Edwards, Howard Fischer, Sue Franjione, Betty Hea, Bob Johnson, Prentis Johnson, Robert Latimer, James Leone, Les Mellott, Mary Ann O'Keefe, Malcolm Sears, Jennifer Sird-De La Horra, Robert Spencer, Linda Verdi, Jodi Waldron, and Jan Withers.

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.*





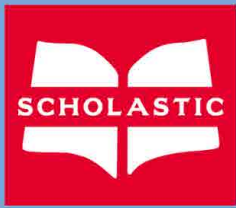
WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to celebrate and welcome new members who officially joined our church family during both services on Sunday, March 22, 2026!

At the first service, we joyfully welcomed two new members (pictured left: Rolf Fischer and John Harrington). Later, during the 10:30 a.m. service, five more individuals were received into membership (pictured below: Flavia Sifontes, Tiffany Fabian-Schmidt, Ginette Orrett, and Lorna and Bryan Goodluck), bringing the total to seven new members.

It is always a special blessing to see our church family grow, and we are grateful that each of these individuals has chosen to walk in faith and fellowship with us. Please join us in extending a warm welcome and encouragement as they begin this new chapter in their spiritual journey.





BOOK FAIR

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

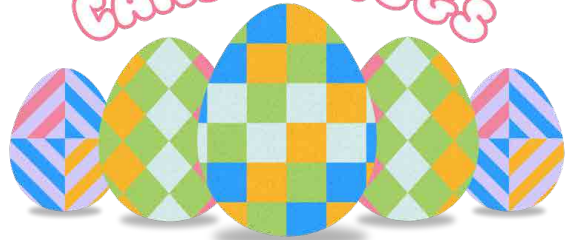
SUNDAY
3. 29. 2026

9:15 AM - 12:00 PM



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

EASTER CANDY & EGGS



LET'S MAKE THIS EASTER
EGG-CELLENT!



We're on the hunt for **candy** to make this year's egg hunt extra sweet! 🐣 🍬

We've got plenty of plastic eggs ready to go—now we just need them filled with yummy candy!

Thanks so much for helping us make this event a *hopping* success! 🐰 ✨

Drop-off Location:
YOUTH ROOM (LUTHER HALL)

Deadline:
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

For more information,
contact [Ellen Clark](#) at [\(954\) 473-6888](#).

A Walk with JESUS

HOLY WEEK 2026
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

4/2—Maundy Thursday

7 p.m. Worship

4/3—Good Friday

12:15 p.m. & 7 p.m. Worship

4/5—Easter Sunday

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

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

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

*Watch Christian Movies
With Us for Lent!*

4/1—Overcomer

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

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Remembering Pat

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On December 15, 2025, OSL member Patricia Maahs passed on to enter the gates of Heaven. A memorial was held at Our Savior on Friday, March 20th, her birthday. Following the service, friends and family (including her great, great niece and nephew Charlie and Cubby Gurnari) gathered for lunch to follow at her favorite restaurant, the Olive Garden. Patricia loved Our Savior and was very supportive and active during her life.



Patricia and her mother Ruth



Handbells Choir (Sunday, March 22, 2026)



Our Handbell Choir offered a truly beautiful rendition of *Day by Day, God's Time Is Best* (arr. K. Buckwalter) at the 8 a.m. service this past Sunday, March 22, 2026. Under the direction of Nancy Volz, the ensemble played with grace, precision, and heartfelt expression that enriched the morning worship.

We are grateful for each member, ringing from highest to lowest: Ricky Smith, Judy Watson, Jodi Hurst, Lerryn Latimer, Cheryl Moore, Donna Watson, Beth Ahrens, Juli Mellott, and Linda Root, and we also acknowledge our absent members, Ian Johnson and Carol Tucek.

If you missed it, or simply want to hear more, be sure to join us for Good Friday (April 3, 2026 at 7 p.m.) and Easter worship (8 and 10:30 a.m.).



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. *(CONTINUED ON THE NEXT PAGE →)*

BLESS BROWARD (CONT.) Each service project was well attended by parents and students from Our Savior’s and Shepherd of the Coast’s schools. 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*



Lippman Youth Shelter, Oakland Park, FL

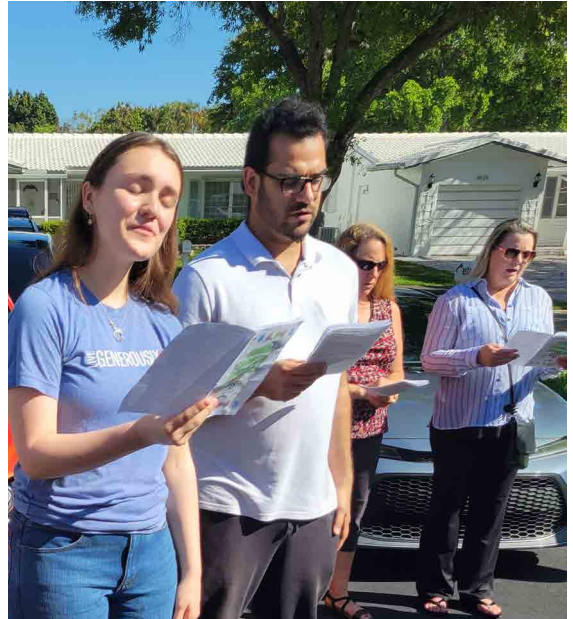


SERENITY GARDEN PROJECT



SPRING CAROLING

Broward County



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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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

<u>MAR 21</u>	<u>APR 12</u>
Christopher Bhalai	Brenda Saunders
John Strang	<u>APR 13</u>
<u>MAR 22</u>	Paul Krug
Ella Westby	Gloria Volz
<u>MAR 27</u>	<u>APR 15</u>
<u>Donna Watson</u>	Patricia Maynard
<u>APR 2</u>	<u>APR 16</u>
Helen Balkie	Michael Duffy
Monica Westby	Claire Edwards
<u>APR 3</u>	Denise Hayle
Denise Kunz	Steve Stephenson
<u>APR 5</u>	<u>APR 17</u>
Kate Koontz	Alicia Boatwright
<u>APR 6</u>	<u>APR 18</u>
Anneli Liebig	Caitlin Haeseker
<u>APR 7</u>	<u>APR 19</u>
Nan Bhalai	Kai Zoe Fellows
<u>APR 8</u>	<u>APR 20</u>
Louise Acton	Michael Aldrich
Susan Grimmett	Phyllis Jahn
<u>APR 9</u>	<u>APR 23</u>
Camio Bernard	Cheryl Moore
Charlotte Brangan	<u>APR 25</u>
<u>APR 10</u>	Marley Fellows
Gail McGowan	<u>APR 26</u>
<u>APR 11</u>	Beth Ahrens
Susan Reinhardt	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

<u>MAR 21</u>	<u>APR 13</u>
Erica & Robert Betz (14)	Jennifer & Howard Strickman (30)
<u>MAR 25</u>	<u>APR 16</u>
<u>John & Michelle Wheeler (31)</u>	Dolor & Mary Ginchereau (43)
<u>APR 1</u>	<u>APR 19</u>
Duane & Carol R. Srot (37)	Benjamin & Monica Westby (18)
<u>APR 8</u>	<u>APR 21</u>
Cary & Libby Ehrenfeld (54)	Paul Chang & Denise Hayle (20)
<u>APR 10</u>	Michael & Cathy Koontz (25)
Rodger & Maureen Burrows (27)	<u>APR 30</u>
<u>APR 11</u>	Colin & Ginette Orrett (10)
Manuel & Jennifer S. De La Horra (17)	



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 **\$2,382** in our **flower fund**. That is enough to cover two bouquets for **47 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.



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.*