

THE CONNECTION

Weekly Newsletter

*Bill Wilsher received the LSF Good Samaritan Award
at the banquet on Saturday, June 20, 2026 (p.4).*

June 28, 2026





SUN. 6/28

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. 6/29

Schedule open

TUES. 6/30

John Waldron's Memorial Service—11 a.m. (p.7)



WED. 7/1

Discussion Group—10 a.m.

THURS. 7/2

Schedule open

FRI. 7/3–SAT. 7/4

Church office closed

SUN. 7/5

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

Bible Study—9:15 a.m. | Kids Connect—10:30 a.m.
Board of Lay Ministry—12 p.m.

MON. 7/6–TUES. 7/7

Church office closed in observance of the holiday

WED. 7/8

Discussion Group—10 a.m.

THURS. 7/9

Schedule open

FRI. 7/10–SAT. 7/11

Church office closed

PRAYER

Prayers for the following OSL church members:

Haroldo Camacho, Carol Chaddock, Marianne DeMinck, Roger Detwiler, Howard Fischer, Sue Franjione, Karen Goth, Gerry Gruenbaum, Betty Hea, Bob Johnson, Prentis Johnson, Robert Latimer, James Leone, Les Mellott, Carol (Coram) Ross, Malcolm Sears, Jennifer Sird-De La Horra, Robert Spencer, Linda Verdi, Jodi Waldron, John Wheeler, 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; **Brock Van Sant** at Officer Candidate School in Quantico Bay, VA.

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 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.*





Bill Wilsher pictured between Rev. Alan Seilk and Lutheran Services Florida (LSF) Vice President Kevin Stamper



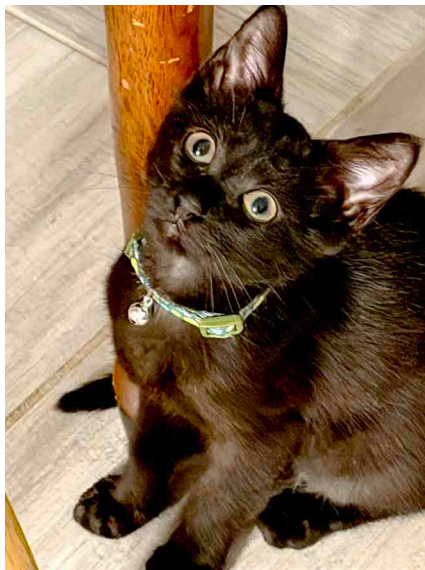
BILL WILSHER: BLESS BROWARD HONOREE

LSF'S GOOD SAMARITAN BANQUET (SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026)

Saturday, June 20, Bill Wilsher received an award for community service at Lutheran Services Florida's Good Samaritan Award banquet. Bill, a former member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Delray Beach (Pastor Tony's previous congregation), is well known for volunteering his expertise in garden-scaping for non-profit organizations.

When Our Savior Lutheran Church in Plantation planned a tranquility garden at the Lippman Youth Shelter for Bless Broward Community Service Day in April 2025, Pastor Tony remembered Bill and asked if he would design a peaceful space for the shelter's children and staff. Bill exceeded every expectation. He visited the property multiple times, met with church leaders and shelter staff, and produced detailed, hand-drawn plans for the garden and for both the front and back grounds as well. He donated the designs and contributed many of the materials needed for the project. True to his word, Bill was present for all three phases of installation. He worked alongside volunteers, guiding them and getting his hands dirty to ensure the vision became reality.

Our Savior submitted Bill's name for the Good Samaritan Award in gratitude for all his contributions to the tranquility garden effort. Lutheran Services Florida (LSF), a nonprofit organization that helps the state's most vulnerable, accepts nominations from local congregations for Good Samaritan nominees who performed extraordinary acts of volunteer service. Bill was one of twenty recipients of the award at the June 20 banquet held at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Miami. We are deeply grateful for him and the gifts he has shared with Our Savior Lutheran Church and the Lippman Youth Shelter.



PET FAMILY OF THE WEEK: THE FISCHERS

Meet the family of Rolf and Reina—well, most of them at least! Aside from the snake (not pictured), the couple has a total of four furry friends.

From left to right on the top row are Jessie the schnoodle (Rolf's baby), Elphaba the Bombay rescue kitten, and Rocket (Rolf's other baby), while Cruella—fittingly named—is pictured on the bottom left. If you're noticing a theme, you're right—Reina revealed that most of their pets' names were inspired by Disney characters.

Both Elphaba and Rocket came into the couple's lives during times of need, after two of their senior Norwegian Forest cats passed away. Though Elphaba swats tails for fun, Cruella and Rocket are very patient with her kitten antics, and they all love each other.

If you'd like to connect with these awesome pet parents, you can find them worshipping with us at the 8 a.m. service on Sundays.



INTERIM OSL VICE PRESIDENT APPOINTED (MAY 28, 2026 UPDATE)

Dear Our Savior Church Family,

The Church Planning Council (CPC) had the difficult task of handling administrative decisions given the death of our brother in Christ John Waldron. John held the Vice President position and chaired the Board of Lay Ministry. John led with a servant's heart, and we are forever grateful for his service.

The By-Laws require the CPC to appoint a Vice President to complete the current term. The appointment of Nancy Volz took place at the May 28, 2026, CPC Meeting. Nancy resigned from the Council Person at Large position to accept the Vice President appointment. **(Cont. on next page)**

INTERIM OSL VICE PRESIDENT APPOINTED (CONT.)

At the same meeting, Lerryn Latimer was appointed as the Council Person at Large for the remainder of the current term. The Board of Lay Ministry will vote on a new chairperson at their June meeting.

Please continue to pray for peace and comfort, for John's immediate family and our church family.

Blessings,

Chris Presson
President, Our Savior Lutheran Church



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CUPS NEEDED FOR ALTAR FLOWERS



The photo to the below shows a large, sturdy, plastic Flanigan's drink cup. It is the perfect size and has the rigidity to hold the weekly altar flowers. If you have any cups like these (they don't have to be Flanigan's), we would appreciate them as donations for our flowers. They will help defray the cost of the bouquets. Please drop them off at the church office. Thank you!



6.21.2026 CAT SPOTLIGHT: WINK & SMOKEY (DENISE & CINDY'S CATS)

Wink and Smokey are both 16-year-old rescue cats. Although both cats live with Denise full-time due to Cindy's allergies, Wink belongs to Denise and Smokey belongs to Cindy. But really, they're both their babies.

Despite the allergies, they get to live with Cindy in Jacksonville during vacation season, and they see her whenever she comes down to visit.

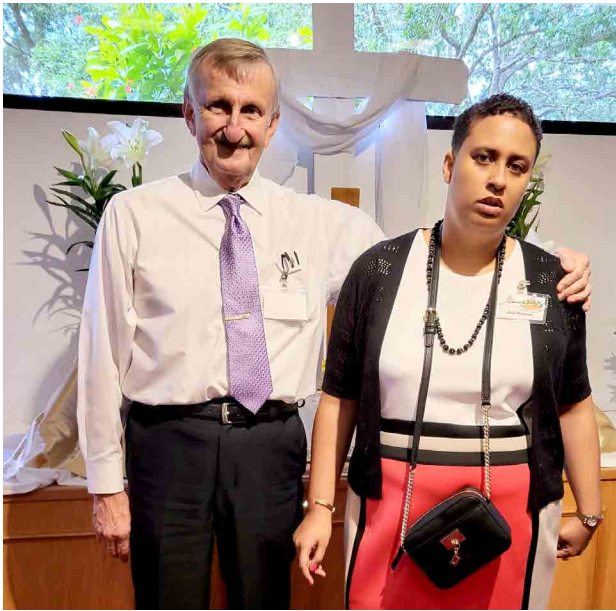
Wink got his name because of his one eye ;)

In total, they have had six cats—three boys and three girls—all by God's will.

If you have any questions about cats with special needs, feel free to ask!

PICTURED: Smokey on a box (top left); Wink (top right); from left to right: Cindy Davis, Gloria Kunz, Denise Kunz (pictured left); and Wink with Smokey (bottom).





MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JOHN WALDRON

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We will hold the memorial service for **John Waldron**, our congregational vice president, on at **11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2026** at **Our Savior Lutheran Church**. Please keep Jodi in your prayers as she grieves the unexpected loss of her father. As her church family, we hope to surround her with God's love, comfort, and encouragement during this difficult time. For those who are able, we encourage you to visit her or send colorful cards and cheerful pictures. For additional information and points of contact at her group home facility, please call the church office at (954) 473-6888.



LAST WEEK'S PUPPY SPOTLIGHT: FORREST (LYNN DIAMOND)

Meet Forrest, the newest member of the Diamond family. Forrest is my one-year-old Goldendoodle. After debating for several months whether or not to get a dog, the instant I saw Forrest, I knew he was the one for me. He was 12 weeks old and 7 pounds when I brought him home. He looked like a stuffed toy. Forrest is now a 42-pound puppy full of energy, puppy antics, and love. A prior school I worked at had two therapy dogs, trained by my friend, Anne. With Anne's help, my hope is to have Forrest become a therapy dog so he can share his love and cuddly self with children in schools and hospitals and the elderly in nursing homes. Fingers crossed he reaches that goal (we have a ways to go) and that I survive puppyhood! Meanwhile this little guy has won my heart!

This is My Promise

My dearest sons and daughters, My Church, My Precious ones,
I am your Abba Father through Jesus, My dear Son.

Nothing, I say nothing can take My love from you.

This is My promise; it's certain and it's true:

Through the days of your life, in the wonder and the strife,
Through the laughter and the tears, through the triumphs and the fears,
All the moments, all the years, I'll be there.

My dearest sons and daughters, My Church, My purchased ones,
The price of your redemption was the blood of My dear Son.

No one can accuse you; your sins are washed away.

Safe in Christ Jesus, I'll keep you every day.

My dearest sons and daughters, My Church, empowered ones,
Live your life in victory; the battle has been won.

In My Spirit's power, there's nothing we can't do.

This is My promise; it's certain and it's true:

Through the days of your life, in the wonder and the strife,
Through the laughter and the tears, through the triumphs and the fears,
All the moments, all the years, I'll be there.

My dearest sons and daughters, My Church, My witness true,
Let your light shine brightly within all you say and do.

Be a light to the nations - a beacon of grace,

In both faith and actions, may you reveal My face.

My dearest sons and daughters, My Church, My royal heirs,
When your race is finished, I will joyfully be there.

With my arms wide open, I'll gladly welcome you.

This is My promise; it's certain and it's true:

Passed the days of your life, passed the wonder and the strife,
Through the laughter and the praise that victorious people raise,
For eternity, always, I'll be there.

To the glory of God
Helen Balkie



Our Savior Lutheran Church & School

Annual Fund 2025-2026



IT'S TIME TO MAKE A CHANGE!

Help turn this dusty play field into a Field of Dreams! Currently, the permit is being processed, so please join in to help us make this a reality by donating today.

You can contribute by **making checks payable to *Our Savior Lutheran School*** with the memo line "Multipurpose Sports Court" or **scan the QR code** to make an online payment.



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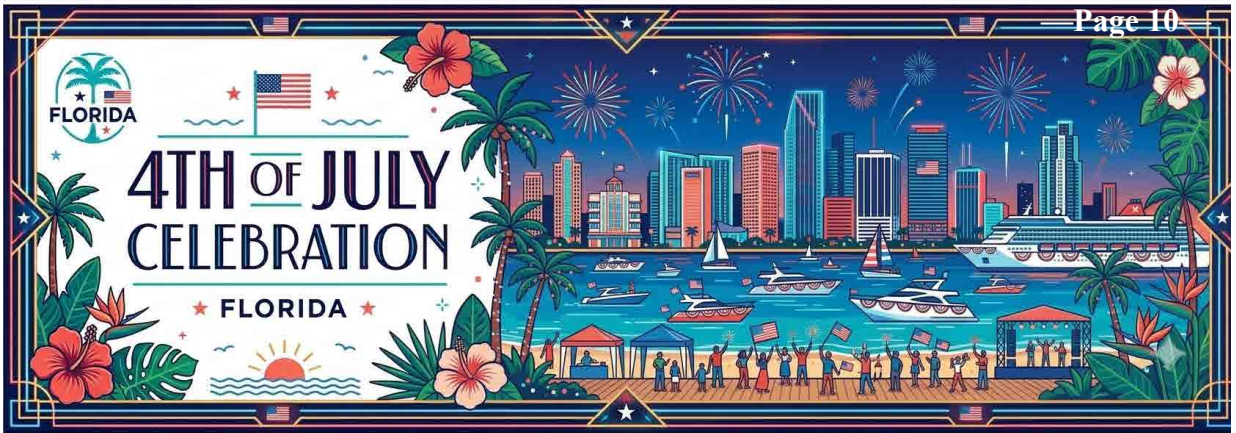
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53

DONATIONS

\$150,000

GOAL



BIRTHDAYS

JUN 28

Jessica Mellott

JUL 1

Iris Benda

JUL 4

John Harrington

JUL 5

Betty Hea

JUL 8

Linda Burkhardt

JUL 9

Edie Clavelli

Brandon Zaske

JUL 10

Helena DeTorres

Christine

Presson

JUL 11

Alfred Balkie

JUL 16

Flavia Sifontes

JUL 19

Benjamin Westby

JUL 22

Kyle Clavelli

JUL 24

Richard Kiesel

Linda Root

JUL 26

Jeston Curry

JUL 31

Marianne

DeMinck

Libby Ehrenfeld

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

JUN 28

Charles and Sue Hofman (57)

JUL 3

Tony and Nicole Linley (33)

JUL 16

David and Nancy Volz (26)

JUL 24

Roger and Judy Detwiler (61)

JUL 31

Malcolm and Joan Sears (44)



JUNE FLOWERS



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

- **[6/7] Ray Long:** "In loving memory of Mabel and Raymond Long."

HELP US UPDATE OUR DATABASE

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

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

As of this Sunday, we now have **\$2,347** in our **flower fund**. That is enough to cover two bouquets for **46 Sundays**. Thanks be to God!

Since the passing of our beloved brother in Christ John Waldron, we have been in need of a rotation of volunteers to help pick up and drop off altar flowers on Saturdays. If you're interested, please contact us at (954) 473-6888. We would appreciate it!



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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 app 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 _____

\$ _____

☐ 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.*