

Weekly Newsletter



June 14, 2026

THE CONNECTION



Member Julio Sarmiento debuts as a cantor on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at the 8 a.m. worship service.



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. 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



SUN. 6/14

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

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

MON. 6/15

Women's Group Meeting—6:30 p.m. ([p.4](#))

TUES. 6/16

Schedule open

WED. 6/17

Discussion Group—10 a.m.

THURS. 6/18

Schedule open

FRI. 6/19–SAT. 6/20

Church office closed

FATHER'S DAY SUN. 6/21

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

Bake Sale—9 a.m. | Bible Study—9:15 a.m.

Kids Connect—10:30 a.m.

MON. 6/22–WED. 6/24

Schedule open

THURS. 6/25

Church Planning Council Meeting—6 p.m.

FRI. 6/26–SAT. 6/27

Church office closed

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.

PRAY

Prayers for the following OSL church members:

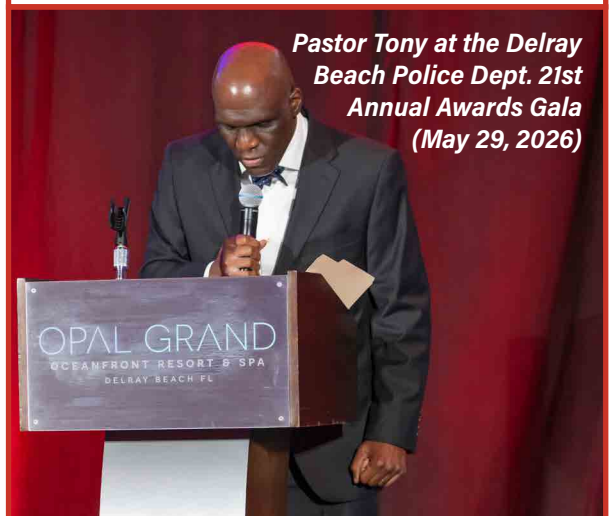
Haroldo Camacho, Carol Chaddock, Marianne DeMinck, Roger Detwiler, Claire Edwards, Howard Fischer, Sue Franjione, Karen Goth, Gerry Gruenbaum, Betty Hea, Bob Johnson, Prentis Johnson, Robert Latimer, James Leone, Les Mellott, Mary Ann O'Keefe, Carol (Coram) Ross, Malcolm Sears, Jennifer Sird-De La Horra, Robert Spencer, Linda Verdi, Jodi Waldron, Glen & Cheryl Walters, 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** going into aviation training in the Marine Corps.

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.*



Pastor Tony at the Delray Beach Police Dept. 21st Annual Awards Gala (May 29, 2026)



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JOHN WALDRON

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.

CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY WITH WOMEN'S GROUP

From Flag Day (June 14th) to Independence Day (July 4th) it's the Red, White and Blue. Begin to celebrate our freedom and our Country's 250th Anniversary with us tomorrow, June 15th at 6:30 pm in the Lakeview Room. All ladies of the congregation are welcome, and bring a friend!



NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

It's that time of the year again to take nominations for officer and board positions for the 2026–2027 fiscal year. The term for officers and board positions is one year. We are asking you to prayerfully consider serving with your time and talents. The talents needed include but are not limited to, the ability to plan, ability to execute a plan and the ability to empower others to get involved. Any Communicant Member of this Congregation may submit names for consideration by the Nominating Committee.

Ways you can **SERVE**



The list of positions is as follows:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Corporate Secretary
- Recording Secretary
- Council Member-at-large
- Lay Ministry Board Member
- School Board Member
- Children & Youth Ministry Board
- Church Properties Board
- Outreach Board

A brief description of the boards is as follows:

Lay Ministry Board Members should be noted for their passion and experience in the spiritual work of the Kingdom of Christ. The basic objectives of this Board are the spiritual welfare of the pastor and congregation members, individually and corporately.

The **School Board** provides for the planning and administration of the educational programs of Our Savior Lutheran School and Early Childhood Educational Center.

The basic objectives of the **Children/Youth Ministry Board** are to involve the young people of the congregation in the work of Christ, provide for their spiritual growth and nurturing, and to promote genuine Christian Fellowship for the children and youth. This Board addresses ministry to all children and youth under the age of 18.

The **Property Board** will address all property maintenance and upkeep concerns and perform work as needed. The board will work on projects throughout the church and school campus as needed. They will make recommendations for repairs and work that cannot be completed by the Church Properties Board.

The **Outreach Board** brings the Gospel to the unchurched; enlists all of God's people in the work of making disciples. This Board coordinates events to involve the community and the congregation.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS JUNE 21, 2026

Contact **Nancy Volz** at **(954) 473-6888** with your nomination or questions.

You may also contact **Pastor Tony** or **Chris Presson** at the same number above with any questions.



POLISH & POTLUCK (WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026) Our Savior's Handbell Group works hard to ring music that is to God's glory and your worship edification. But, it's not all fun and games. At our "Polish and Potluck" evening, they went through our 4 1/2 octaves and polished them until they are bright and shiny. And yes, then they ate well!



PET SPOTLIGHT: SOPHIE (CAROL TUCEK)

I adopted Sophie on May 2, 2023 from Good Karma Pet Rescue in Pompano Beach. She was almost 5 years old, and so timid that it took 3 of us to put her in the car. When I brought her home I put her in the backyard, and about 8 hours later she was brave enough to come in the house! She has come a long way. I was blessed to find an amazing dog sitter who takes her into her home when I travel, she is now best friends with Charlie, the sitter's dog, and occasionally goes for play dates. Lately, I have been bringing her into the church office on Friday mornings when I come in to help out, and she's adopted that as her second "territory" to "protect". She especially loves Dawn Banford, the school athletic director and IT tech; Dawn usually sneaks Sophie a little bit of her lunch.



ARE YOU READY FOR SUMMER TRAVEL?

This summer, stress less about leaving your beloved pets and house behind. Contact **Deborah Darling** (highly recommended by our very own member Ellen Clark) for your pet and house sitting needs in Broward or Palm Beach county. Call **(828) 646-1093** for more information. Your vacation is waiting!





JESUS & ART (SHANNON HELD'S TESTIMONY)

I started painting three years ago because I needed a new hobby that was sedentary. Up till then, I was an exercise and sports addict, who was always on the run. Painting gave me an opportunity to slow down, try something new, and discover my creative side. I never considered myself good at any type of visual arts. In fact, I didn't even know what visual arts was! I played violin when I was younger, never well, but I never drew or painted—I didn't even have coloring books.

My husband asked me, "What are you going to do with all your paintings" My answer was, "I don't know—throw them in a fire?" I only had plans to paint. I had no idea what I was gonna do with the actual paintings once they were finished. I had no plan except to paint and make a mess and have fun.

At that time, I was about six years sober from alcoholism. I was in a lot of recovery support groups online, both receiving help and trying to inspire others. One day, I decided to share a photo of a painting that I had done, and immediately people said it was good. There were even people who said they would hang my painting in their house, which shocked me, if I'm honest.

The first painting I offered to give away was sent to a man in Canada from the recovery group. I only asked him to pay for the postage, and he sent me \$500. I tried to send the money back, but he refused. He said my artwork was that good. I figured it must be onto somethings, so I bought more paint. And more canvases. And ink. And markers, and paper. And acrylic mediums, spray paint... You artists know how this goes!

Since I was certain I had no talent, when the next person asked me to paint something for them, I was terrified. He asked me to paint the three crosses at Calvary. No pressure, right? I ended up painting the most beautiful sunset, and the crosses were perfect. I was so inspired, that I started painting for people and writing Bible verses on the back. I would give all the paintings away, but just ask for the cost of my supplies and postage. I still do this to this day, offering paintings for charities, churches, and just to make people happy. Giving away my paintings gave me an opportunity to continue studying, get to know what type of style I enjoy, and learn so many different techniques and styles of art.

Every time I start painting, I pray and ask God to reveal something in my artwork to either help someone in pain or to inspire someone with joy.

*Over these last three years, I've painted Jesus on the cross, Calvary, Abraham with his staff among the masses, and I was lucky enough to paint for a non-speaking autistic boy in Maryland (**cont.** →)*

(SHANNON'S TESTIMONY CONT.)

to help inspire him to work on spelling to communicate. I've given out at least thirty painted mandala crosses like this one, and painted an heirloom for a friend with stage 4 cancer. She's in heaven now.

I'm currently studying abstract expressionism...If it comes out awesome, I'm going to offer it up for auction for my friend's daughter who has stage four cancer currently.

I had no idea that art could help someone heal, help invoke an emotion, and inspire people with positivity. I'm grateful to God for giving me the idea to begin painting, as well as all the opportunities God has opened up for me to distribute my art and make people happy.

Member Julio Sarmiento (pictured beside Pastor Tony) won the silent auction of Shannon's Moses piece in March 2025.

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Elliette Villamizar represented the Class of 2026 as valedictorian alongside Salutatorian Cayla Rakocevic.

ART, LOVE, & FAITH (ELLIE VILLAMIZAR'S TESTIMONY)

Hi, I'm Ellie. I'm in 8th grade at OSL. Today I want to talk about how I've used art to strengthen my faith and help others. Ever since I was little, the world has always fascinated me. Especially with the pretty things that you can look at, and just enjoy. That's why making art has always been one of my favorite things to do to replicate the beauty of God's creations, whether it's making a little doodle or crocheting a tiny gift for my friends. I've used my art in a number of ways, but I've used it to help others and express my faith the most.

First, I want to briefly explain how I got into being a creative kind of person. Sure, I've always loved art and drawing and whatnot, but this one point in my life was when I really started to enjoy creating artwork. And this was during the pandemic. You all remember. We were stuck inside the house, quarantined. (Ew!) It was boring. I turned to watching art videos on youtube out of pure boredom. Those little videos I would watch actually helped me a lot and taught me different techniques and actually made me discover new hobbies, like crocheting and watercolor painting.

I learned how to use these ideas in my head and make something out of them. (cont. →)

So I decided maybe I could help people be happy with art. One thing that I religiously do for others is I'll always make homemade birthday cards or any type of card. I tackle making intricate flip up designs and embellish them with florals or animals according to the person I'm giving the card to. It's something I really enjoy doing because I know that people will appreciate a card made specifically for them.

My art also helps expand my faith and love for God and all he does for me. One way I do this is by appreciating his creations. For context, I travel to Colombia a lot, and not every part of the country is filled with buildings. There, I really get to see so many beautiful things, like mountains and rivers and lots of wildlife. When I see all the breathtaking things that God has created for us, it just makes me want to draw it, or paint it, or crochet it so I can keep a piece of that memory when I come home. All of this is why I love to draw nature and animals, and it's also why I want to become a veterinarian. I want to take care God's gifts and honor him in every way I can. Yeah, I know I'm not painting crosses or drawing pictures of Jesus, but appreciating nature is just my way of giving thanks and showing respect to God, because he's helped me along the way in many more ways than I can imagine.

Thank you for listening to my presentation, and God bless.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2026!



OSL ALUMNI 10:30 AM WORSHIP TALENT ① Cayla Rakocevic (Digital Media Coordinator) ② Delon Wright (Praise Team Drummer) ③ Baron Betz (Worship Audio and Visual Coordinator)



BIRTHDAYS

JUN 2

Susan Franjione
Michael Gaffley
Raul Martinez

JUN 8

Edward Stannard

JUN 9

James Maynard

JUN 14

Meredith Barboza

JUN 15

Jodi Hurst
Carisa Meier

JUN 17

Duane Srot

JUN 18

Debi Bauer

JUN 21

Tim Gaffley

JUN 24

Lorna Goodluck

JUN 25

Michael Burkhardt

Brad Heine

JUN 26

Robert Johnson

Ray Long

Donna McLeod

JUN 27

Danielle Durham

JUN 28

Jessica Mellott

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

JUN 9

Frank and Beth Ahrens (54)

JUN 10

James and Pamela Leone (20)

JUN 14

Robert and Belinda Aguilar (30)

JUN 24

Dick and Linda Burkhardt (65)

Lorna and Bryan Goodluck

JUN 28

Charles and Sue Hofman (57)



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 **\$2,497** in our **flower fund**. That is enough to cover two bouquets for **49 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 _____
\$ _____
<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.*