

THE CONNECTION



School Board President Lynn Diamond with her puppy, Forrest (p.6)



JUNE

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.
Birthdav Club—12:30 p.m.

MON. 6/29

Schedule open

TUES. 6/30

John Waldron's Memorial Service—11 a.m.



JULY

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.

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, 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 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.*

FISH OF THE WEEK:

TONY LINLEY'S TETRA & ALBINO SHARK



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



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.

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



NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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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

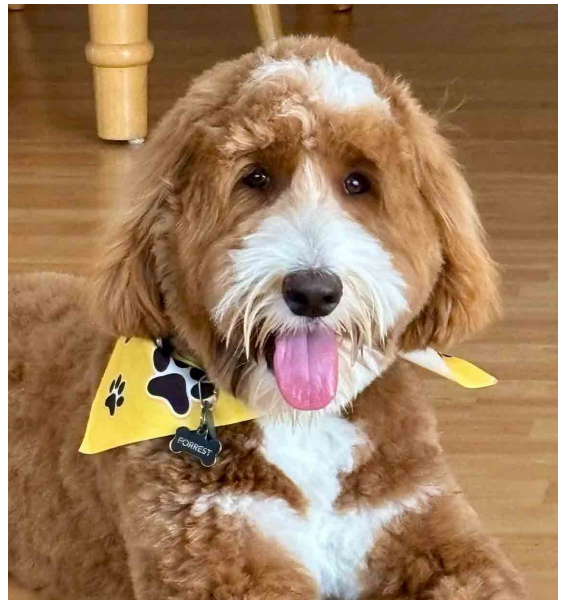
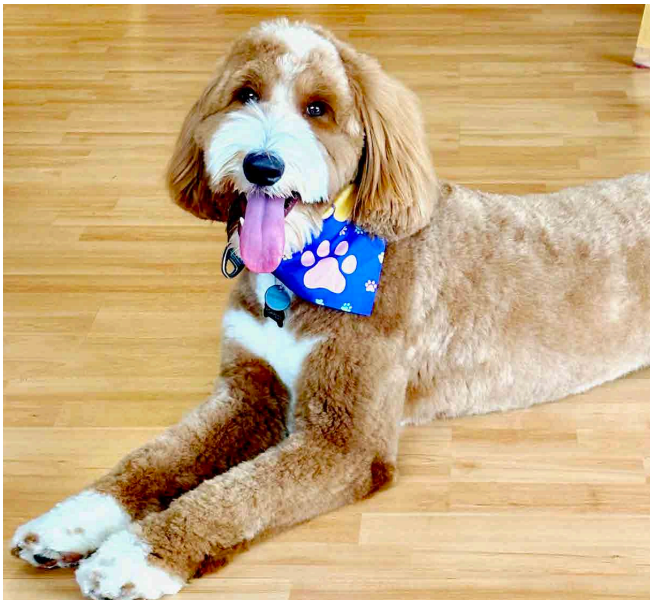
Contact **Nancy Volz** at (954) 473-6888 with your nomination or questions.

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



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!





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).





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.



\$36,794.41

RAISED

53

DONATIONS

\$150,000

GOAL

6.14.2026 PET SPOTLIGHT: SOPHIE (CAROL TUCEK'S DOG)

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!



SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026
8 A.M. CANTOR DEBUT: JULIO SARMIENTO



WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026
HANDBELL CHOIR GATHERING: POLISH & POTLUCK

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!





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)

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!



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."

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.*