

THE CONNECTION

Weekly Newsletter

August 2, 2026



OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
Plantation, FL

iMagiFest 2026 (p.3-5)

AUGUST

SUN. 8/2

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

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

2026 ANNUAL MEETING—12:15 P.M.

MON. 8/3–TUES. 8/4

Schedule open

WED. 8/5

Discussion Group—10 a.m.

THURS. 8/6

Schedule open

FRI. 8/7

Church office closed

SAT. 8/8

Spruce Up Day—9 a.m. (p.6)

SUN. 8/9

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

Blood Drive—9 a.m. | Bible Study—9:15 a.m.

Kids Connect—10:30 a.m.

Staff & Teacher Installation—10:30 a.m.

MON. 8/10–TUES. 8/11

Schedule open

WED. 8/12

Discussion Group—10 a.m.

Handbells Practice—6:30 p.m.

THURS. 8/13

Church Planning Council Meeting—6 p.m.

FRI. 8/14– SAT. 8/15

Church office closed

SUN. 8/16

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.

PRAYERS

Prayers for the following OSL church members:

Haroldo Camacho, Carol Chaddock, Andy Clark, Marianne DeMinck, Roger Detwiler, Janice Evans, Howard Fischer, Sue Franjione, Desireé Gaffley, Susan George-Kenyon, Karen Goth, Gerry Gruenbaum, Betty Hea, Bob Johnson, Prentis Johnson, Robert Latimer, James Leone, Les Mellott, Carol (Coram) Ross, Malcolm Sears, Victor Smith, Robert Spencer, Duane Srot, Linda Verdi, Nancy Volz, Jodi Waldron, and Jan and Steve 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.*



10:30AM-10PM

SUN JULY 26

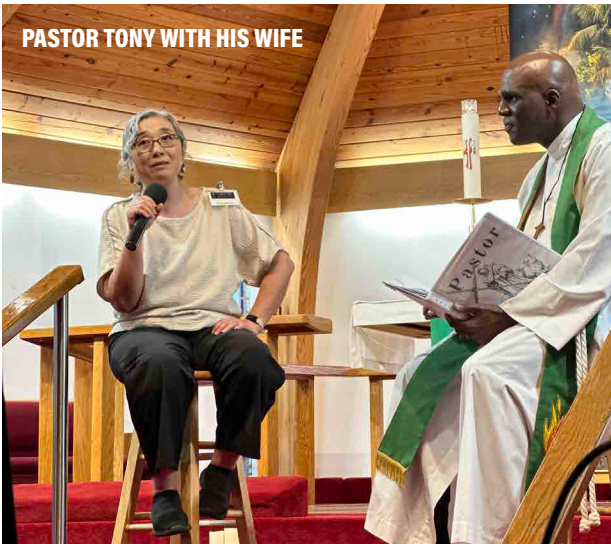
iMagiFest

IMAGiFEST 2026 (P.3-5) Last Sunday the 26th was an unforgettable day of faith, art, and community, kicking off with a powerful morning service led by Pastor Tony featuring two baptisms, an inspiring interview with his wife Junko, and a special presentation from Ben Tino, a guest missionary from Guatemala. The festivities rolled right into the afternoon with an open art gallery, hands-on workshops, a Kids' Song Circle, an energetic Capoeira performance, and a talent show showcasing local stars. By evening, live DJs, an infectious drum circle, and a mesmerizing Fire Flow Jam paved the way for an incredible concert led by the Holy Cross Praise Team, wrapping up an amazing 12-hour celebration with a late-night music jam! Special thanks to Denis and Jade Cruz who led, organized, and planned this event; to the school, Nicole Moulton, and Linda Root for supporting their outreach efforts with their expansive knowledge and resources; to the several church volunteers who came to supervise and assist in the various activity stations and parking situations; and all who came for this unique fellowship opportunity and enjoyed the festival!





OSL PRAISE TEAM WITH
GUEST, BEN TINO



PASTOR TONY WITH HIS WIFE



BEN TINO OF GLOBAL
LUTHERAN OUTREACH

INTERVIEW WITH A FORMER BUDDHIST As a child, she was Junko's Japanese upbringing and culture exposed to Shintoism and Buddhism. On a spiritual level, she never had exposure to anything except the fear of evil spirits. As she grew older, she wanted to know about the presence of something greater, which first took her off the path to tarot cards and fortune tellers. However, in the 90's, she met a missionary who she ended up marrying. Through him she came to learn about the one true God, the only one who gave her love, peace, and comfort in her life.

GLOBAL LUTHERAN OUTREACH Raised as a missionary kid in Venezuela, Ben Tino earned a Music Education degree in 2017 before moving to Guatemala in 2018 to enrich local Lutheran churches through music ministry. He and his wife, Scarlett, married in 2022 and now serve in Puerto Barrios alongside their two children, Jaakko Rene and Mielikki Moon. As they return to the U.S. on furlough, the Tino family asks for prayers regarding safe travel, good health, growing mission support, and continued strength in their evangelism work.

**BAPTISM OF
GENESIS FLEURISSAINT**



**BAPTISM OF
BRIELLE MURCH**



**HOLY CROSS
PRAISE TEAM**



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL PRESENTS:

HEARTS & HANDS PROPERTIES WORK DAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026, 9:00 - 12:00 PM

HELP SPRUCE UP OUR SCHOOL
FOR THE NEW YEAR!
ALL LEVELS WELCOME!

JOIN US FOR A
COOKOUT LUNCH!

EARN DOUBLE PACE
HOURS!

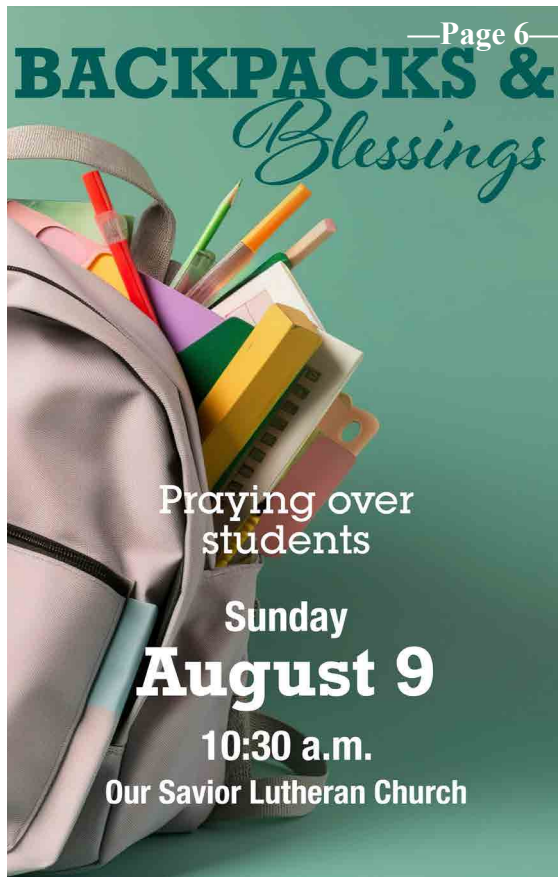
CHILD CARE AVAILABLE!



BACKPACKS & *Blessings*

Praying over
students

Sunday
August 9
10:30 a.m.
Our Savior Lutheran Church



YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT (TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026)



Several young adults met at Our Savior Lutheran Church on July 28 for some conversation over dinner. During the gathering OSL Member and Plantation Firefighter Chris Muller visited with his service dog, Boulton. Chris explained to the group how the K-9 is used by the fire department to provide comfort to those who have been exposed to tragedy. One of the participants in the gathering, who had recently lost loved ones in the Venezuela earthquake, was able to spend sometime with Boulton that evening.

DOG SPOTLIGHT:

BOULTON (CHRIS MULLER)

Many members of Our Savior have already met Boulton, who received a special blessing with his handler, member Chris Muller, during worship at the beginning of the year and returned to help raise awareness of the Peer Support K-9 Program during the school's Fall Festival in November. Alongside Chris, Boulton completed training in December 2025 and is now a fully certified Peer Support Team with the Plantation Fire Department.

Together, the team serve firefighters, law enforcement officers, and our community by offering comfort and support



following critical incidents and emergencies. As they begin this important work, Chris asks for your prayers, sharing, "I really need the Lord's guidance and strength to hopefully be able to help others." We pray God will continue to bless Boulton and Chris as they bring Christ's compassion and comfort to those facing life's most difficult moments.





JULY 18, 2026

1-YEAR REUNION: OSLC NEW MEMBERS CLASS OF 2025

PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT (ABOVE): Mel Presson, Denis & Jade Cruz, Norma Miller, Beverly Smith, Ricky Smith, Judy Watson, Thomas Boatwright, Agnes Karabetsos, Victor Smith, and Bill Presson

SNACK DONATIONS FOR KIDS connect



The Children and Youth Board needs your help. It provides refreshments for every Sunday and youth event it hosts. Donations can include healthy snacks (such as Goldfish crackers or granola bars) and juice pouches, etc. We greatly appreciate your support. Please properly label your donations with "Youth Ministry Snacks". You may hand your donations to ushers on Sunday or drop them off at the church office during office hours. If you have any questions, please contact **Ellen Clark** at (954) 473-6888.



DOG SPOTLIGHT: LUNA (JAN WITHERS)

Last weekend, Jan celebrated her dog Luna's 11th birthday. Happy birthday!



HAPPY 90TH!! Congratulations to **Betty Hea** who just celebrated her 90th birthday on July 5. Betty, who is most known to most for her holiday fudge which she sells to raise church funds for various projects and needs. She also received the Servant of Christ Award earlier this year.



Pictured left: Betty and her cake

Pictured above: Debi Bauer and Judy Detwiler with Betty

May God bless you and keep you in good health and faith this year and onward, Betty!



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



[Schedule an appointment today!](#)

DONATE BLOOD

OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

9 to 1:30 p.m.



BIRTHDAYS

AUG 1

Marie Shaw

AUG 3

Orlando Camacho

Janis Seusarran

AUG 4

Scott Burkhardt

Harrison Haeseker

AUG 6

John Gonzalez

AUG 7

Phillip Edwards

AUG 9

Karen Goth

AUG 9

Mary Jane Neils

Aaron Seusarran

AUG 11

Desireé Gaffley

Yerusalem Tzeggai

AUG 16

Fran Fletcher

AUG 25

Ian Burke

Judy Detwiler

AUG 30

Joan Sears

AUG 31

Nicole Linley

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

JUL 31

Malcolm & Joan Sears (44)

AUG 4

Philip & Nanda Ramcharitar (36)

AUG 5

Roger & Edie Clavelli (47)

AUG 11

Alfred & Helen Balkie (58)

AUG 18

Bill & Christine Presson (42)

AUG 19

Andy & Ellen Clark (26)

AUG 24

Les & Juli Mellott (41)

AUG 27

Neil & Cheryl Topalian (38)

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!



ALTAR FLOWERS UPDATES



Kindly fill out the **Chancel Flower Sign-Up slip** and include it with your payment. These are found on the **back of the newsletter** or in the pews (green slip). Please include it with your payment. Please notify us if you are paying via VANCO.

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

- **[8/2] Christine Khan** in thanksgiving of Jared and all teachers.



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ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS



*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.*