

THE CONNECTION

Weekly Newsletter OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH *July 19, 2026*



Newly wed couple celebrate the baptism of Blair Moore (p.3)



SUN. 7/19

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. 7/20

Women's Group—6:30 p.m.

TUES. 7/21

Schedule open

WED. 7/22

Discussion Group—10 a.m.

THURS. 7/23

Church Planning Council Meeting—6 p.m.

FRI. 7/24–SAT. 7/25

Church office closed

SUN. 7/26

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

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

iMagiFest—12 p.m. to 9 p.m.

MON. 7/27–TUES. 7/28

Schedule open

WED. 7/29

Discussion Group—10 a.m.

THURS. 7/30

Schedule open

FRI. 7/31

Church office closed

SAT. 8/1

Church office closed

Properties Work Day—9 a.m.

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.

PRAYERS

Prayers for the following OSL church members:

Haroldo Camacho, Carol Chaddock, Marianne DeMinck, Roger Detwiler, Janice Evans, 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, Victor Smith, Robert Spencer, Duane Srot, 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; **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.*



David Garcia debuts as a reader on Sunday, July 12, 2026 at the 10:30 a.m. service.



A DOUBLE CONGRATULATIONS! Our Savior wishes to congratulate the newly wed couple Alexis (nee Dippel) and Blair Moore, who were wed by Pastor Tony at the end of June in Illinois. Alexis has recently been called to Texas to serve as an LCMS middle school teacher. On Sunday, July 12, the late service witnessed and celebrated Blair's baptismal rite. May God bless your marriage, your new home, and careers as the two of you continue to love and serve Christ.

CATS OF THE WEEK: ZORRO, PEANUT, AND SNEAKERS (JOHN & MICHELLE WHEELER)

We have 3 cats—Zorro, and his two sisters—Peanut and Sneakers. They are all from the same family with Zorro being the oldest by 6 months. Zorro is all black, and Peanut and Sneakers are tuxedos. Zorro will be 15 years old in September, and the other two turned 14 this March.

*At one time, we had Dexter and Patches along with the parents, Marcus and Ruby, but they are no longer with us. Dexter passed away suddenly last August, and Patches ran away a few years ago. The parents passed away from illnesses. It's a long story as to how we came up with that many cats, but the short version is the parents were neighborhood strays and we ended up with all of them! **(CONT. ON NEXT PAGE)***



Zorro and Peanut



Sneakers

Peanut



Zorro



(CATS OF THE WEEK CONT.) Zorro had major surgery in November 2024 due to bladder stones. The surgery went well, but due to some complications with a hormone deficiency, he has to have two medicines twice daily. He runs from us sometimes but generally tolerates taking them well! He is a real ladies man with my wife and stepdaughter and loves to lay on sandals as you can see in the one picture.

Our cat family has brought us much enjoyment over the years.



WOMEN'S GROUP

Monday, July 20, 2026
6:30 p.m. Dinner

Guest Speaker:

Ben Tino

Missionary to Guatemala
with **Global Lutheran Outreach**

Come hungry, ready to be fed physically
and spiritually!





REID'S SUMMER TRAINING IN SAN FRANCISCO



Reid Himmelsbach, a teen who was recently baptized at Our Savior in February and has been regularly attending the 8 a.m. service, recently participated in a Field Operations training exercise outside of San Francisco, California.

Along with 60 other cadets, Reid learned and applied many of the tactics and techniques used by Marines, including field navigation, room clearing, bounding, and more.

"One thing I got out of it was to stay calm under pressure so you can act more efficiently," Reid said. "You also have to make use of all the time you have." Because the cadets had night watch, "we had to take advantage of free time and get a few hours of sleep."

Looking back on the experience, Reid said, "I overall had an amazing experience! I would go back if I could!"



HE'S A GRANDAD!! Congratulations to **Rolf Fischer** whose granddaughter, **Cadence Joyce Fischer**, was born **June 26, 2026** to father Joseph and mother Evan Fischer in Pittsburgh, PA. I think we all know where her smile comes from! May God bless her and her family.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH 2026-2027
Proposed Slate of Officers & Boards

- PRESIDENT.....Chris Presson**
VICE PRESIDENT.....Greg Goth
TREASURER.....John Wheeler
CORPORATE SECRETARY.....Juli Mellott
- COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE.....Nancy Volz**
PASTORAL APPOINTMENT.....Nicole Linley
RECORDING SECRETARY.....Carol Tucek

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY BOARD	LAY MINISTRY BOARD	OUTREACH BOARD	PROPERTY BOARD	SCHOOL BOARD
Erica Betz	Michael Gaffley	Debi Bauer	Marc Benda	Debra Beck
Denise Chang	Jodi Hurst	Chris Presson	John Harrington	Edie Clavelli
Ellen Clark	Agnes Karabetsos	Carol Smith	Brad Heine	Lynn Diamond
Jade Cruz	James Leone	Judy Watson	Ian Johnson	Jodi Hurst
Oteasa Hardy	Juli Mellott		Flavia Sifontes	Lerryn Latimer
De'Mereck Martin	Kim Schuh		Ricky Smith	Kathy Thurn
Jennifer Strickman	David Volz		Cheryl Topalian	Carol Tucek
	Judy Watson			

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH 2026-2027
Proposed By-Law Changes

The following By-Law changes were proposed and approved by the Church Planning Council. As required, the proposed changes are being communicated to the congregation for two Sundays prior to the Annual Meeting on August 2, 2026. The proposed changes will be reviewed and voted on at the Annual Meeting.

The proposed changes are in bold italics:

By-Laws Page 9, Article VII Powers, Organization of the Church Planning Council, and the Administrative Boards. Section A. Powers, paragraph 3 and Section B, paragraph 4. **(Cont.➡)**

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A. Powers (Paragraph 3)

The President shall appoint a Review Committee consisting of any two qualified communicant members of the congregation other than the Treasurer and Financial Secretary to review the financial records of the congregation. The President shall submit the Review Committee's report at the Annual Meeting of the Voter's Assembly.

B. The Church Planning Council (Paragraph 4)

The President may establish a Finance Committee, such members subject to approval by the Church Planning Council, who shall be responsible for ongoing coordination and monitoring of the budget and financial condition of the congregation with the Treasurer.

Replacing both those sections with the following and placed under Section A Powers:

The President shall establish a Finance Subcommittee, chaired by the Treasurer, and composed of at least two qualified communicant members of the congregation, other than the Treasurer. The Finance Subcommittee shall be responsible for ongoing coordination and monitoring of the church and school budget. The Treasurer or a member of the Finance Subcommittee shall submit a report at the Annual Meeting of the Voter's Assembly. When possible, the President shall establish an informal review of the church's finances conducted by a qualified communicant member of the congregation.

The following proposed change is regarding the date of the Annual Meeting. The reason for the proposed change is to conduct the Annual Meeting prior to the start of the church year, July 1. Article III, Section A, page 4 states: "If at all possible, an Annual Meeting of the Voters' Assembly shall be held during each calendar year no later than the 2nd Sunday in August." The proposed revision would replace that with ***"An Annual Meeting of the Voters' Assembly shall be held during each calendar year no later than June 30."*** All remaining language in this paragraph remains the same.

The following proposed change is to align the start of the Officer and Board Member terms with the start of the church year, July 1.

Article VI, Section C, Page 9 of the Bylaws regarding Installation of Officers and when their term begins. It states: "The newly elected officers and Board Members of the congregation shall be installed by the last Sunday in August and shall assume their duties of office as of September 1st. All Officer, Chair and Board Member terms shall be for one year or until their replacement is installed. All Officers, Chairs and Board Members are eligible for successive terms in the same position by nomination."

The proposed revision would replace the underlined verbiage above with ***"The newly elected officers and Board Members of the congregation shall assume their duties of office as of July 1st and shall be installed by the last Sunday in August."***



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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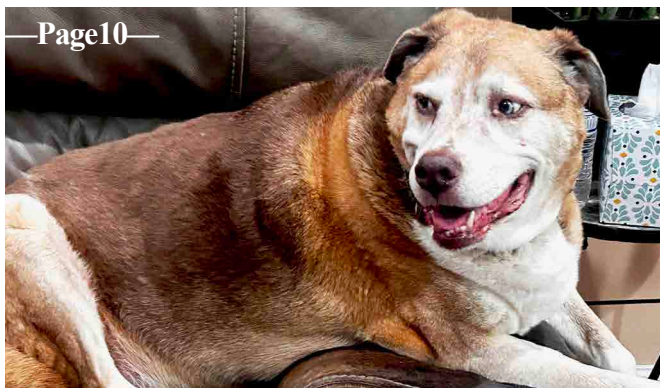
DONATIONS

\$150,000

GOAL



2026 BIRTHDAY CLUB In January 2026, member Agnes Karabetsos conjured OS�'s first ever Birthday Club, a once-a-month fellowship opportunity for our church community to come together and celebrate monthly birthdays. Each month, she finds a new local restaurant to try, and each time she reports great results of satisfaction, from wonderful conversations to filled bellies. Each gathering has brought together congregants from both services who normally do not see one another. The most recent celebration took place following the late service on Sunday, June 28, 2026, at the Jacaranda Ristorante (pictured above). Thanks be to God for these wonderful moments to commune and belong to Our Savior outside of church, and a heartfelt thank you to Agnes for her dedication in bringing everyone together.



LAST WEEK'S PET FAMILY SPOTLIGHT: THE MORRISON PACK

Meet Neville Morrison, a regular attendee of the 8 a.m. worship service at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Neville has been a proud dog dad for decades, dedicating his time to expanding his family with rescue (and gifted) pups in need of extra love and care.

Here is a look at the Morrison pack (pictured top to bottom, left to right):

Blue: Lauren's (Neville's daughter) sweet 10-year-old pup who loves being part of the crew.

Xena: A German Shepherd who was rescued by a Delray Beach police officer before finding her way to Lauren. Xena joined the family at three years old back in 2014, bringing a bright spot of joy right around the time Neville and his late wife Dorothy's home tragically burned down.

Chief: A handsome pit bull who sadly lost his battle with bone cancer recently, passing away peacefully in the arms of his devoted dad. (The picture says more than enough—He absolutely adored his dad, and his beautiful smile says so!)

Chino: The youngest and newest addition! After Chief passed, Lauren wanted to find a new companion for her father. Chino was adopted through the Humane Society all the way from Puerto Rico, making him the only dog in the household who "barks in Spanish."

PART-TIME K-8 MUSIC TEACHER Do you have a passion for sharing Christ through music? Are you excited to inspire children to use their God-given talents to glorify Him? Our Savior Lutheran School is seeking a dedicated, faith-filled part-time Music Teacher to join our staff. The teacher is responsible for teaching K-8 students to understand musical theory, appreciate different genres of music and practice various types of instruments. It would be a plus if the teacher played the piano or guitar. If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity, please contact Danielle Durham at ddurham@oursaviorplantation.org.



BIRTHDAYS

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

Shelly Faulkner

Chris 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

JUL 3

Tony and Nicole Linley (33)

JUL 16

David and Nancy Volz (26)

JUL 22

Jan and Steve Withers (47)

JUL 24

Roger and Judy Detwiler (61)

JUL 31

Malcolm and Joan Sears (44)

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.

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



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.*