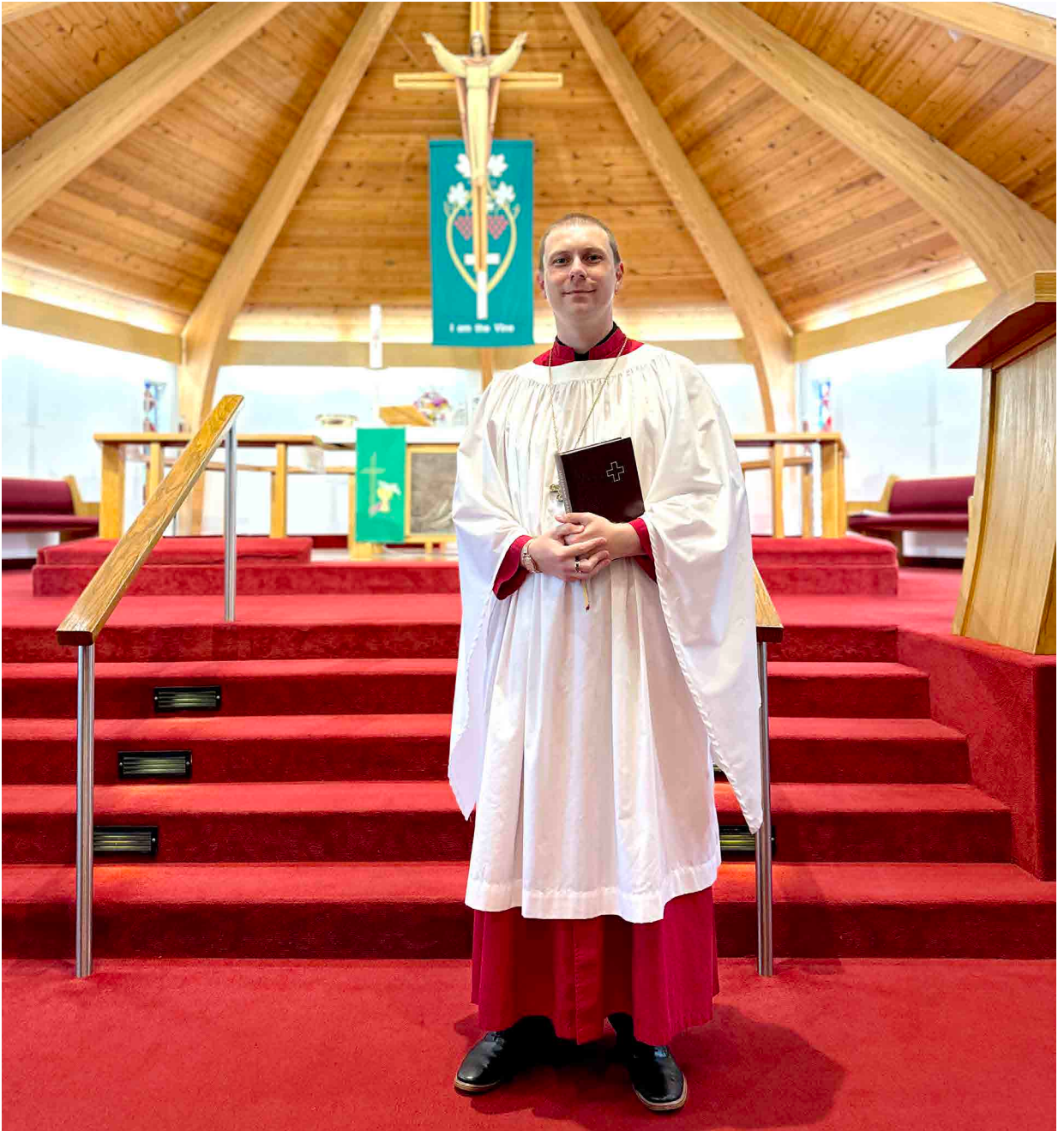


THE CONNECTION

Weekly Newsletter OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH *July 26, 2026*



Carol Tucek's nephew Sam Cucci served as guest cantor at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 19, 2026.

JULY

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.

Birthday Club—12:30 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

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

Church Planning Council Meeting—6 p.m.

FRI. 8/7

Church office closed

SAT. 8/8

Back-to-School Campus Spruce Up Day—9 a.m.

SUN. 8/9

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

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

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

PRAYERS

Prayers for the following OSL church members:

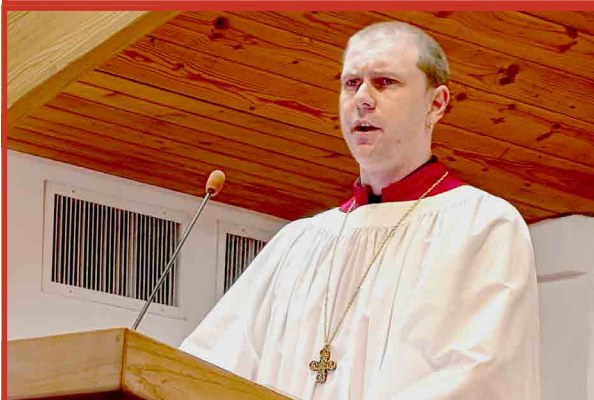
Haroldo Camacho, Carol Chaddock, Andy Clark, Marianne DeMinck, Roger Detwiler, Janice Evans, Howard Fischer, Sue Franjione, Susan George-Kenyon, Karen Goth, Gerry Gruenbaum, Betty Hea, Bob Johnson, Prentis Johnson, Robert Latimer, James Leone, Les Mellott, Carol (Coram) Ross, Malcolm Sears, Victor Smith, 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.*



Sam Cucci sang the solo Vivaldi: Nulla in mundo pax sincera (First Movement) accompanied by Carisa Meier, our organist.



WELCOME TO iMAGiFEST 2026

This digitally composed mixed-media banner made by Denis Cruz (left) inspired by AI-generated imagery depicts Jesus overlooking and protecting the Earth within the cosmos, surrounded by scenes of nature, the Miami skyline, and the ocean. Special thanks to Lynda Kyse for her hard work in making this functional display for our sanctuary!

STAY ALL DAY FOR iMAGiFEST

Join us for worship at 10:30 AM, then stick around on the church grounds in Plantation for a full day of family fun! **Everyone is welcome!**

Schedule Highlights:

10:30 AM: Worship Service with Pastor Tony

12:00 PM: Art gallery, workshops, & kids' activities

Afternoon: Kids' Song Circle, Capoeira performance, & Talent Show

5:00 PM: Live DJs, Drum Circle, & Fire Flow Jam

6:00 PM: Live Concert featuring the Holy Cross Praise Team & guest performers

9:00 PM: Music Jam

REVIVAL
iMagiFest

**SUN JULY 26
10:30AM-9PM**

**KID'S ACTIVITIES • WORKSHOPS • SPEAKERS • CONCERT
PERFORMERS • DRUM CIRCLE • FIRE JAM • VENDORS • GALLERY • DJs**

Our Savior Lutheran Church & School
Plantation, FL

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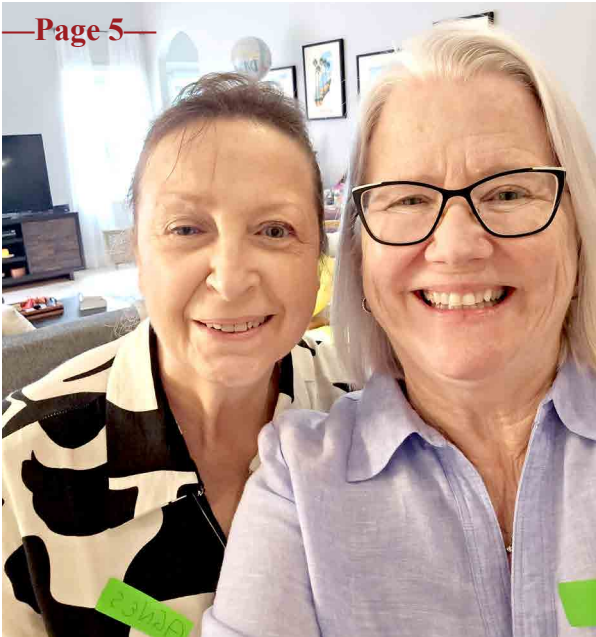
JULY 18, 2026

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 Karabetos, Victor Smith, and Bill Presson

BELOW: Victor tried out th Presson's Rocky and Bullwinkle and Friends pinball machine. **RIGHT (TOP):** Agnes, representative of the Board of Lay Ministry and the social captain of the 2025 New Members Get Together. **RIGHT (BOTTOM):** Bill, Thomas, and Judy.





A SPECIAL THANKS...! Thank you to cohosts Agnes (who helped organize the New Members Class of 2025's one-year reunion), and the Presson family for opening up their home!

DOG SPOTLIGHT: LUNA (JAN WITHERS)

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



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN'S 2026 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Join us for our Annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, August 2**. We will commence roughly at **12:15 p.m.** (following the 10:30 a.m. service) **in the church**.

As members of Christ's church, we will gather to:

- Discuss future plans for our church and school
- Share highlights from our ministries
- Explore meaningful ways to engage both our congregation and our surrounding community in Christ-like fellowship

All members are encouraged to attend and participate. Guests and those interested in learning more about our church are also welcome to observe as we look ahead together in faithful stewardship and service under God's guidance.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! ❤️ **SCHOOL SPRUCE UP DAY**

JOIN US! Help spruce up our school for the **NEW YEAR!**

DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

All levels welcome!

Call (954) 473-6888 for any questions.



BACKPACKS & *Blessings*

Praying over
students

Sunday
August 9

10:30 a.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church



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 GRANDDAD!! 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

Erica Betz
Denise Chang
Ellen Clark
Jade Cruz
Oteasa Hardy
De'Mereck Martin
Jennifer Strickman

LAY MINISTRY BOARD

Michael Gaffley
Jodi Hurst
Agnes Karabetsos
James Leone
Juli Mellott
Kim Schuh
David Volz
Judy Watson

OUTREACH BOARD

Debi Bauer
Chris Presson
Carol Smith
Judy Watson

PROPERTY BOARD

Marc Benda
John Harrington
Brad Heine
Ian Johnson
Flavia Sifontes
Ricky Smith
Cheryl Topalian

SCHOOL BOARD

Debra Beck
Edie Clavelli
Lynn Diamond
Jodi Hurst
Lerryn Latimer
Kathy Thurn
Carol Tucek

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.➡)**

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.

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.



\$36,794.41

RAISED

53

DONATIONS

\$150,000

GOAL

LAST WEEK'S CAT SPOTLIGHT: ZORRO, PEANUT, & SNEAKERS (JOHN & MICHELLE WHEELER)

Peanut

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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!

Sneakers

Zorro and Peanut

Zorro



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.



[Schedule an appointment today!](#)

DONATE BLOOD

OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

9 to 1:30 p.m.



BIRTHDAYS

JUL 26

Jeston Curry

JUL 31

Marianne DeMinck
Libby Ehrenfeld

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

Desiree Gaffley
Yerusalem Tzeggai

AUG 16

Fran Fletcher

AUG 25

Ian Burke
Judy Detwiler

AUG 30

Joan Sears

AUG 31

Nicole Linley

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!

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)

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 month were graciously provided by:

- **[7/26] Mary Ann O'Keefe** in loving memory of Allen O'Keefe.



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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.*