

THE CONNECTION

Weekly Newsletter



September 20, 2026



*Let there be light...and no more mortgage!!
Mortgage burning ceremony and rite on Sunday, September 13, 2026 (p.6-7)*

SEPTEMBER

SUN. 9/20

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

Bible Study—9:15 a.m.

Confirmation Class —9:15 a.m.

Kids Connect—10:30 a.m.

MON. 9/21

Women's Group Meeting—6:30 p.m.

TUES. 9/22

Schedule open

WED. 9/23

Discussion Group—11 a.m.

Handbells Practice — 6:30 p.m.

THURS. 9/24

Church Planning Council Meeting— 6 p.m.

FRI. 9/25

Church office closed

SAT. 9/26

3rd Annual Crafters Marketplace—9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SUN. 9/27

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

Confirmation Class | Bible Study—9:15 a.m.

First Communion | Kids Connect—10:30 a.m.

3rd Annual Crafters Marketplace—9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Birthday Club—12 p.m.

MON. 9/28– TUES. 9/29

Schedule open

WED. 9/30

Discussion Group—11 a.m.

Handbells Practice—6:30 p.m.

THURS. 10/1

Round Table (Young Adults Discussion)—6 p.m.

FRI. 10/2–SAT. 10/3

Church office closed

PRAYERS

PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING OSL CHURCH MEMBERS 🙏:

Carol Chaddock, Roger Detwiler, Howard Fischer, Sue Franjione, Susan George-Kenyon, Karen Goth, Gerry Gruenbaum, Betty Hea, Bob Johnson, Prentis Johnson, Robert Latimer, James and Pam Leone, Jack Lowe, Carol (Coram) Ross, Beverly Smith, Robert Spencer, Linda Verdi, and Jan and Steve Withers.

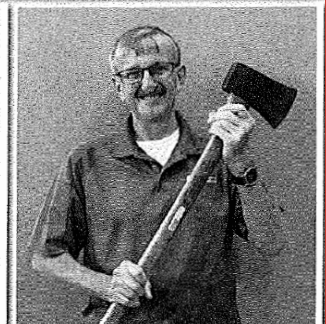
MEMBERS & FAMILY IN THE ARMED SERVICES: **Dustin Douglas** (son-in-law of Les and Juli Mellott) at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Tacoma, WA; **Brock Van Sant** at Officer Candidate School in Quantico Bay, VA.

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.*

IN MEMORY OF OUR CONVENTION PLANNING CHAPLAIN

John Waldron, Convention Planning Chaplain, from the Broward Central Camp, with a good visual for the 2026 State Convention theme of "Sharpen the Edge."



IN SOLEMN MEMORY of our late congregational vice president and Gideon International's Chaplain, **John Waldron**, on his 72nd birth anniversary, September 11th. We give thanks to God for his faithful service (as honored in the above Gideon's newsletter) and rest in the promise of the resurrection in Christ.

NEXT WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING:

Mon. 9/21 at 6:30pm (Lakeview Room)

Linda Chicon

**Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies
Coalition of Broward County**

**840 North Lauderdale Ave
Suite 204**

North Lauderdale, FL 33068

(954) 765-0550

www.hmhbroward.org/



HELP MOMS & BABIES IN NEED Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Broward County (HMHB/Broward) helps low-income pregnant and parenting families throughout Broward County by providing education, parenting support, access to vital services, and assistance with basic needs. Their goal is to help families become healthier, more stable, and better equipped to care for their children.

DONATION NEEDS

We are collecting **clean, gently used** and **usable** baby items, including:



Baby clothing—all sizes



Baby shoes



Diapers—all sizes



Nonperishable food



New holiday toys*—appropriate for infants & children

Our Savior will collect them in the **big donation box** in the **narthex** (pictured below).

Please label donations: **“HEALTHY MOTHERS HEALTHY BABIES”**

There is *no deadline**, so donations may be brought in at any time.

Thank you for helping provide practical support to mothers, babies, and families in our community!

**For the toy drive deadline, please contact the above number.*



Miriam

*Sister. Prophetess.
Beloved.*

Sundays
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sept. 13–Oct. 4, 2026



CRAFTED TO GIVE: HANDMADE CARDS BY THE LADIES OF OUR SAVIOR The ladies' card crafting group's first Sunday sale was a hit! Their one-of-a-kind handmade cards are selling quickly, with some designs already sold out. (Especially popular are cards with little surprises, such as packets of seeds and handmade bookmarks 🍷).

Featuring paper quilling, embossing, precision cutting, and personal touches, these high-quality cards are a lovely way to let someone know you're thinking of them. Get yours for \$5 after either worship service on Sunday! Cash only. All proceeds benefit the OSL School Multipurpose Sports Court Fund. Questions? Contact **Judy** at (954) 473-6888.



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Serving Christ. Serving Others.
Changing Lives.*



Join us for handmade
treasures, warm
hospitality, and community
connection.



8001 NW 5th St,
Plantation, FL

3rd Annual CRAFTERS Marketplace



Saturday
SEPTEMBER 26TH
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM



Sunday
SEPTEMBER 27TH
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

(954) 347-0082

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HANDMADE
CRAFTS & GIFTS



FAMILY FRIENDLY
ATMOSPHERE



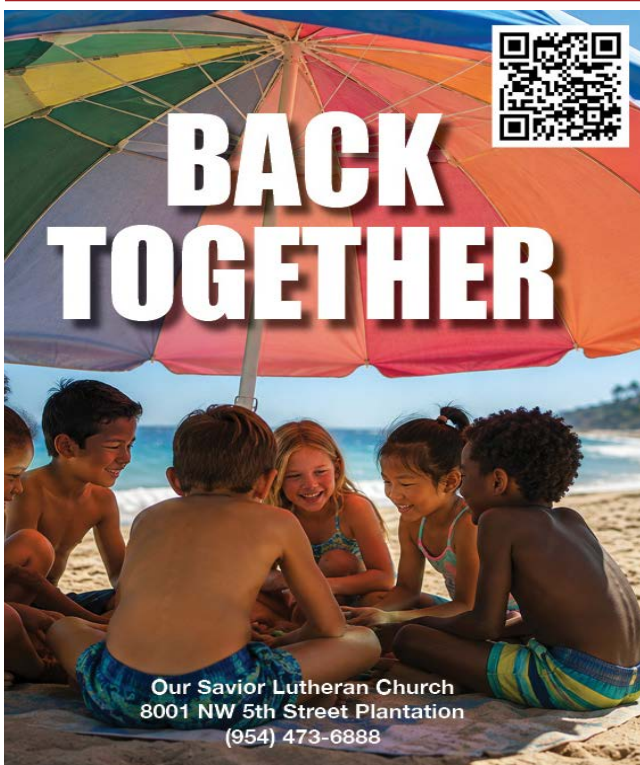
SUPPORT LOCAL
ARTISANS



SUPPORT OUR
MINISTRIES

A Weekend of
**FELLOWSHIP
CREATIVITY
COMMUNITY**

All Are Welcome!



BACK TOGETHER

Our Savior Lutheran Church
8001 NW 5th Street Plantation
(954) 473-6888

SAVE THE DATE: BLOOD BUS

SAT. 9/26
9AM-1PM

*Donators get a special
T-shirt to support cancer
fighters like Jan Withers &
a \$20 giftcard*

SUN. 10/4
9AM-12:30PM

*Donators get 2 movie
tickets & a Halloween
themed T-shirt*

8001 NW 5TH STREET,
PLANTATION, FL 33324



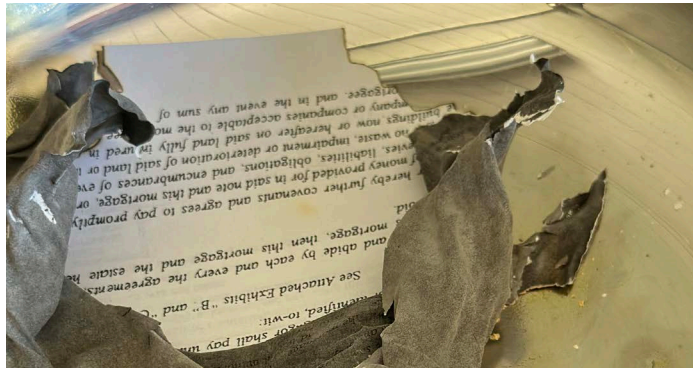
LET THERE BE LIGHT... AND NO MORE MORTGAGE!!!

On **September 13, 2026**, Our Savior Lutheran Church celebrated a truly joyful milestone with a memorable mortgage-burning ceremony. And we have one very special person to thank: our dearly departed church member, **Pat Maahs**, whose extraordinary generosity made this moment possible.

Pat, who passed away at the age of 77 at a healthcare facility in Coconut Creek on December 14, 2025, had been a faithful member of Our Savior since 1984. Through her final will, she posthumously gifted **\$203,412** to Our Savior Lutheran Church—a remarkable gift that completely paid off our remaining mortgage loan.

Her generous gift is a lasting blessing to our church and will continue to support the ministry and mission of Our Savior for years to come. As we celebrate this milestone, we give thanks to God for His provision, for Pat's faithful generosity, and for the many members whose prayers, gifts, and dedication have helped make our church home what it is today.

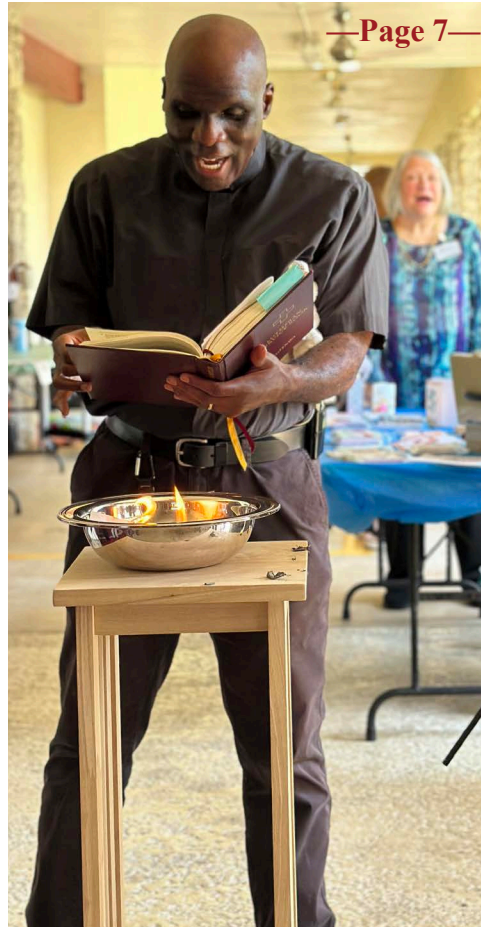
The celebration culminated in a memorable and exciting ceremony—and a literal burning rite!—led by Pastor Tony. After the early service, teen volunteer Reid Himmelsbach (top) had the honor of lighting the mortgage. Following the late service, school alumnus and Praise Team drummer Delon Wright (bottom) carried on the tradition, lighting the mortgage for the second service. It was a joyful and symbolic way for our church family to celebrate this incredible milestone together.



**MORTGAGE
BURNING RITE
(CONT.)**



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SAVE THE DATE!
(DETAILS COMING SOON.)



Christmas is coming! Once again, Our Savior is selling one of your favorite holiday gifts—fresh Christmas wreaths! Spread holiday cheer with a handcrafted wreath made from fresh balsam, perfect for your home, office, or as a heartfelt gift. Order yours today and bring home the fresh scent of Christmas! **Sales are from October 1st to 31st only.**

What You Get:

- 24" Fresh Balsam Wreath
- 3 white-tipped pine cone clusters
- 1 red velour bow

OPTION 1

\$33 Wreath Only (No Box or Card)

Local pick-up only coordinated with Ellen

OPTION 2

\$43 Gift-Boxed & Shipped by UPS

UPS shipping available to gift recipient (within 48 contiguous states). With personalized card.

Proceeds: Kids Connect (Sunday School)

Payment: Cash or checks made payable to Our Savior Lutheran Church Youth

For more information, please contact
ELLEN at (954) 473-6888

ANNUAL POTLUCK THANKSGIVING FEAST

12:15 PM
Sunday, Nov. 15, 2026



Our Thanksgiving Church Feast is a cherished gathering, where hearts draw near and the threads of gratitude, fellowship, and faith are gently woven into one.

Side by side at the table, we share more than a meal—we share moments that bind us.



Stories unfold like autumn leaves on the wind, laughter lingers like a hymn, and new friendships quietly take root.



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Please contact Ellen at (954) 473-6888 if you have any questions.



 SEE IT. SNAP IT. SHARE IT.
Your Photos. Your Stories. Our OSL Family.

Many of our newsletter photos come from church attendees and school families (and yes, the secretary you might get a glimpse of running around the services).

Send your photos to church@oursaviorplantation.org * when you capture moments like properties work days, Birthday Clubs, school events, Kids Connect, festivals, in-service recognitions, shoutouts of our awesome praise team and volunteer Sunday servers, or other special moments in our church and school community.

 Pet lovers, we want to see your furry family members, too! Send us a photo and a little about your pet, and we'll feature them when space allows.

Your camera can help us celebrate our people, our ministries, and our OSL family!

Together, we tell the OSL Story.

Thank you, and blessings!

Our Savior Team

**Sorry, we don't have SMS/ texting services available.*

NEED A RIDE?

FREE • ELECTRIC • ON DEMAND

Free, on-demand rides around Plantation are available through the Freebee app.

Whether you're headed to church, shopping, appointments, or around town*, Freebee may be able to get you there!

**Only business to business and within their zones.*

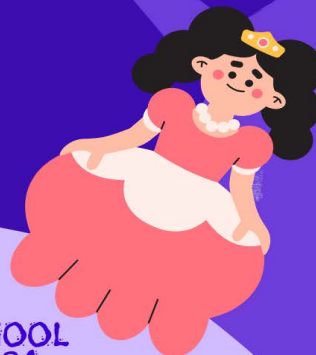
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**SATURDAY
10. 24. 2026**

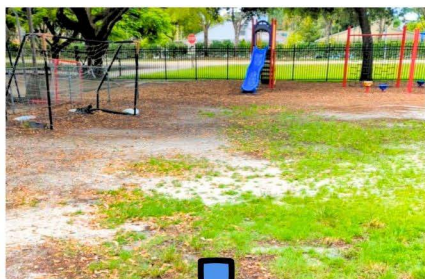
Trunk or Treat

3-5:30 P.M.



**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
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Questions? Contact Judy at **(954) 473-6888**



**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.

\$38,991.94

RAISED

57

DONATIONS

\$150,000

GOAL

Donation link for online viewers: donorbox.org/annual-fund-sports-court#info

For more information, call the school office at (954) 370-2161 or email school@oursaviorplantation.org.



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 the Flower Fund.

PLEASE NOTE: All altar flowers will be gathered and held in the church office immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. This will ensure that flowers paid for by members are received by the intended recipients. Thank you!

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES

We give thanks for the faithful life of our sister in Christ, **Marianne DeMinck**, who went home to be with Our Lord on September 4, 2026 at the age of **87**. While we grieve her loss, we rejoice knowing she is now peacefully reunited in Heaven with her beloved husband, David, who preceded her last May.

BIRTHDAYS

SEP 1

Addison Westby

SEP 4

Carole McClure

Cheryl Walters

Judy Watson

SEP 10

Robert McClure

SEP 13

Tony Linley

SEP 16

Craig Chaddock

Bill Presson

SEP 18

Pamela Leone

Kathy Thurn

SEP 19

Neil Topalian

SEP 20

Heyabey Kifle

Jodi Waldron

SEP 23

Harry Haeseker

SEP 25

Frank Ahrens

Lauren Bhalai

SEP 26

Anne Chiaro

SEP 27

Nancy Volz

SEP 28

Dorothy Royce

SEP 30

Emmanuel Kifle



HELP US UPDATE UR 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

SEP 1

Tom Mahle & Gail McGowan (31)

SEP 2

Robert & Carole McClure (59)

SEP 10

Paul & Maria Krug (43)

SEP 20

Carol & Bruce Ross (2)

SEP 21

Tony & Junko Durante (32)



OSLS Saints Sing "Shining Light Series"

2026-2027

Oct. 4

Nov. 8

Jan. 24

Feb. 7

Mar. 21

May 16

2nd and 3rd Grade

Kindergarten and 1st Grade

NLSW K-8th grade

Preschool

4th and 5th Grade

Singing Saints





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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 _____



Check this box if you would like to collect your flowers after the 10:30 a.m. service.

We will hold them in the church office.

Any unclaimed flowers will be donated to a local nursing home. Thank you.

FOR OFFICE:

of bouquets _____

\$ _____

☐ Paid ____/____/____