THE CONNECTION

Weekly Newsletter

November 1, 2026



The Orrett family's game station at Trunk or Treat 2026 (p.7-9)

NOVEMBER

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 11/1

⏰ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS ⏰

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

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

MON. 11/2

Schedule Open

TUES 11/3

ELECTION DAY

Finance Committee Meeting—6:30 p.m.

WED. 11/4

Discussion Group—11 a.m.

Handbells Practice— 6:30 p.m.

THURS. 11/5

Church Planning Council Meeting— 6 p.m.

FRI. 11/6– SAT. 11/7

Office Closed

SUN. 11/8

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

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

Shining Light: OSLS K & 1st Sing—10:30 a.m.

MON. 11/9–TUES 11/10

Schedule open

WED. 11/11

VETERANS DAY

Campus closed in observance of the holiday

THURS. 11/12

Schedule Open

FRI. 11/13

Office Closed

SAT. 11/14

OSL School Fall Festival (p.3)—9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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.

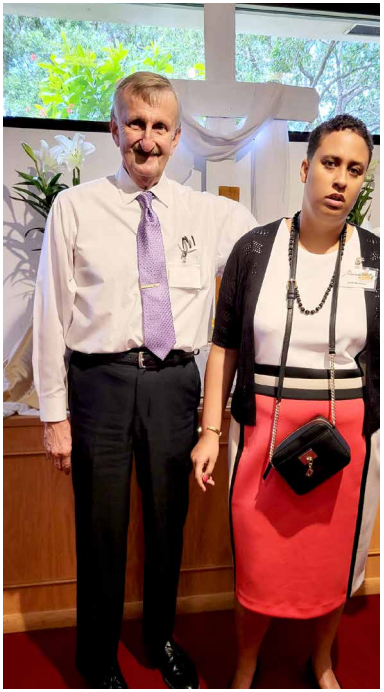
REHABILITATION HOME: Ron Holub

*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**.*



[MON. 10/19] "ANGELS IN DISGUISE" OSL's Women's Group held a special Halloween costume social (p.11 & 15). *Pictured above: Jan Evans as Minnie Mouse.*

[10.16 UPDATE] Subjects Arrested in the Death of John Waldron



October 16, 2026 a WSVN news story reported that two people were arrested in connection with the May 10, 2026 car crash causing the death of Our Savior Lutheran Church member John Waldron. You can find the story on the WSVN website: wsvn.com/news/local/broward/joshua-saindyc-court-appearance. This All Saints Sunday, we will remember John as well as all those we have lost over the years.

PTO Fall Festival

Celebrate the beauty of a South Florida autumn day filled with sweet treats, handmade crafts, food, music, and joyful moments.

SATURDAY · NOVEMBER 14, 2026
11:00 AM — 4:00 PM
8001 NW 5th Street, Plantation, FL 33324

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Petting Zoo
- Pony Rides
- Bounce House
- Obstacle Course
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Sports Challenge Inflatable
- Variety of local vendors
- Food off the grill & more
- Face Painting
- Pie in the face
- Kids Craft Corner
- Games

FREE ENTRY
KIDS WRISTBAND $15
CHILDREN UNDER 1: FREE



[10.21] LETTER FROM JAN

Dear church family,

There are no words that I can express to thank you for all the cards, texts, calls and prayers I receive from you. When I heard the announcement that a blood drive in my honor was being held at the church I actually cried as I was watching the service from home. Thank you to all that donated blood or platelets and even those that tried to give this precious gift. As of this date I have had 31 platelet transfusions and 19 blood transfusions and without blood donations I would not be alive today.

I also thank the "Care Team" for coming to my home and cleaning up my yard and pressure cleaning my sidewalks because I can't do this work at this time. My tears of gratitude fell as they prayed for me before they left. I miss all of you and can't wait to greet you again someday!

Love,
Jan

P.S. FROM JAN

The pictures attached are my brother, Kurt, giving blood and the care team that came to my house.

On behalf of Our Savior, thank you Lay Ministry and Property Boards for blessing Jan with your collective acts of love and kindness.













JOSHUA TREE: A LIVING SYMBOL OF HOPE

The Joshua tree, a distinctive member of the yucca family, thrives in the harsh, dry landscapes of the American Southwest, its rugged trunk and unusual branches reaching upward toward the sky. Nineteenth-century settlers saw in its shape a resemblance to the biblical Joshua, lifting his hands toward heaven. Born into slavery in Egypt, Joshua witnessed God's mighty acts of deliverance and learned to trust the Lord through the wilderness. When others saw only danger and impossibility in the Promised Land, Joshua and Caleb trusted God's promises and urged the people to move forward in faith. Later, as Moses' successor, Joshua led God's people across the Jordan River and into the land God had promised them.



[9/29] SPLASH-WORTHY NEWS The fountain is back! After Neville repaired the fountain's electrical system, Brad laid four 6-inch-by-10-foot planks across the mud to reach the rock, then climbed a 6-foot ladder to access the fountain head. Lying across the rock, he drilled out all the holes. The iconic fountain has been restored to its original glory, flowing once again, proudly spraying water into the air for all to see, even from 5th Street and University!



CHRISTMAS ARTISAN MARKET
SATURDAY, NOV. 14
9 AM - 3 PM
FREE ENTRY!
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
580 INDIAN TRACE, WESTON
CONTACT: (954) 384-9096 | STPAULWESTON.COM

ANNUAL POTLUCK THANKSGIVING FEAST

12:15 PM
Sunday, Nov. 15, 2026

CELEBRATE THIS SEASON WITH FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND GRATITUDE!

- Everyone must bring a **covered** dish
  (store-bought or homemade)

- **BRING:**
  side dishes, vegetables, stuffing, or desserts
  (Turkey will be provided)

- *Drinks, plasticware, paper goods, and serving utensils supplied*

- **FREE-WILL OFFERING—**
  (proceeds go toward replacing the church sign)

Let's give thanks and enjoy a meal together as a church family!

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



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD It's that time of year again! Bless a child overseas with a shoebox gift and God's love. Each box bursting with items such as a soccer ball, doll, or stuffed animal becomes a tangible expression of God's love to the child and their community. **OSL will collect boxes in the church through Sunday, November 15, 2026**. Scan the QR code above for more information or visit samaritanspurse.org/occ. For labels, call Nicole at the OSL school office (954) 370-2161.

LifeNet4Families

LifeNet4Families urgently needs men's clothing. Used, clean items are welcomed.

DO NOT drop off items at the church; instead, email Carol Reynolds-Srot, OSL church member and a volunteer at LifeNet4Families, at ***church@oursaviorplantation.org*** if you have items you would like to donate.



TRUNK OR TREAT: SHARING GOD'S LOVE, ONE TREAT AT A TIME

Our Savior's Outreach Board teamed up with the school yet again for their annual and well-attended Trunk or Treat on October 24. Under beautiful fall skies, several families gathered for an afternoon filled with creative costumes, imaginative decorated trunks, exciting games, festive craft stations, and a delicious BBQ food truck. The costume contests added extra excitement to the festivities.

Even sweeter than the treats was the wonderful fellowship among our church members, school families, and community neighbors. Smiles, laughter, and new connections were shared all around as we celebrated the joy of coming together. It was a wonderful reminder of God's good gifts and an opportunity to share His love with those around us.

We're blessed and grateful for everyone who helped make this day such a success! It was truly a bountiful harvest of fun, fellowship, and blessings. As we enjoy this beautiful season, may we continue to grow together in Christ and give thanks for His steadfast love!











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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL











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Thanksgiving Meal Baskets

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026

The Outreach Board is sponsoring the Thanksgiving Meal Basket event again this year. We would love for you to be involved.

If you are interested in donating an entire meal basket or in being part of a meal basket team, please sign up after church.

We will also have a list of food items to be included in the basket. We also need people to deliver baskets on Sunday, November 22, after the late service.

Contact **Chris Presson** at ***(954) 473-6888*** to sign up or ask questions.

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HANGING OF THE GREENS

Decorating for Christmas Together

Tradition of Hanging of Greens

The Hanging of the Greens is a cherished Christian tradition of decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. Evergreens, wreaths, holly, and the Chrismon tree symbolize enduring life, hope, love, and faith. For centuries, Christians have used these decorations to celebrate the season, reflect on the meaning of Jesus' birth, and prepare for Christmas with joy and gratitude.

Sat. 11/28
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Lunch afterwards

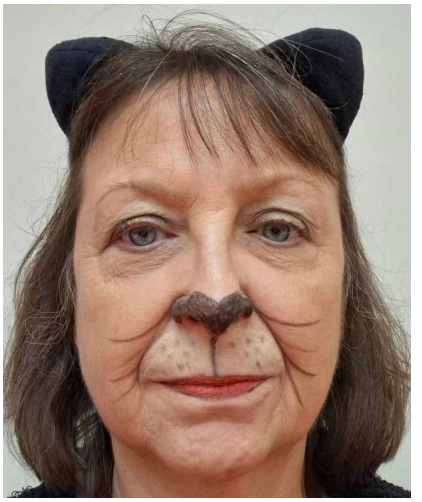
Asking donations for:
Clean soft rags
Murphy's Oil Soap



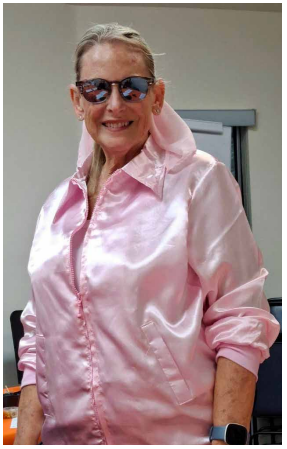
Please join us as we prepare our church for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have any questions, please contact **Juli** at ***(954) 473-6888***

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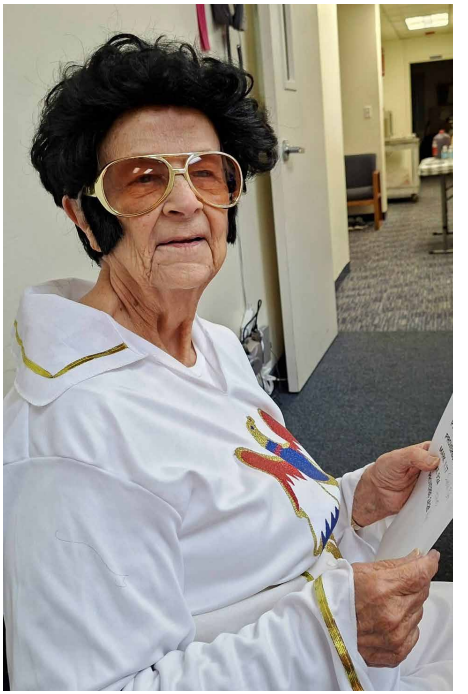




[10/19] MORE "ANGELS IN DISGUISE"

Cats: *Cheryl Topalian & Agnes Karabetsos;* ***Sock Hop Gals:*** *Ellen Clark & Lerryn Latimer;* ***Mother Goose*** *(Handmade!!)****:*** *Judy Watson;* ***Bumble Bee:*** *Juli Mellott*













[SAT. 10/17] PROFESSING OUR SAVIOR

Organized by Agnes, 13 PROFESSors gathered at the corner of Our Savior Lutheran Church at 5th Street and University Drive in Plantation for a unique twist on a protest—not to protest against something, but to profess love, hope, and encouragement to the community! This event paid homage to a rally held during the COVID pandemic a few years ago, renewing our commitment to sharing Christ's love and hope with our community.

Despite the intense heat, the four-hour outreach was met with countless honks, waves, and words of appreciation from passing motorists. Some even rolled down their windows to thank us! The day was overwhelmingly positive, offering a wonderful opportunity for community outreach and fellowship.

A beautiful day of professing love and spreading positivity and love throughout Plantation!







[SUN. 10/4 NEWS]

NEW MEMBERS, WELCOME TO THE FAMILY! On Sunday, October 4, Our Savior welcomed 7 new members in both services. Pictured on the left are 8 a.m. new members: **Penny McIntyre** and **Tom Mahle**; and pictured above are 10:30 a.m. additions: **Winston Chin** (greeter), **Lorna Williams**, and siblings **Alex Rodriguez** (with her daughter Violet), **David** and **Jonathan Garcia**.

THANK YOU, CRYSTAL! Also on October 4, Crystal Gossard and her daughter Kaylyn led the 10:30 a.m. Praise Team in worship (pictured below).







SUN. 09/27

BIRTHDAY CLUB







[SAT. 10/3] NEW MEMBERS, OLD FRIENDS & BBQ OSL's Class of 2025 gathered with church members and the Outreach Board for another day of fellowship, this time featuring BBQ and games. Special thanks to the Pressons for hosting and providing the food, and to Agnes Karabetsos for coordinating the event and serving as social emcee!

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 RAY LONG:
"In loving memory of my son, Martin."

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!



[10/24] TRUNK OR TREAT
Melissa Wright & Erica Betz

BIRTHDAYS

11/1
Glenda Strang
11/8
Rodger Burrows
11/10
Jennafer Douglas
Julio Sarmiento
11/11
Sandra Curry
11/12
Sue Hofman
Sean Koontz
11/14
Judith Simpson
11/16
Haroldo Camacho
Catherine Curry
11/17
Lynn Diamond
11/19
Janice Adams
Harlem Hardy
Lois Voith
Glen Walters
11/23
Gloria Metin
11/24
Marc Benda
11/25
Andy Clark
11/29
Lerryn Latimer
11/30
Philip Ramcharitar

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

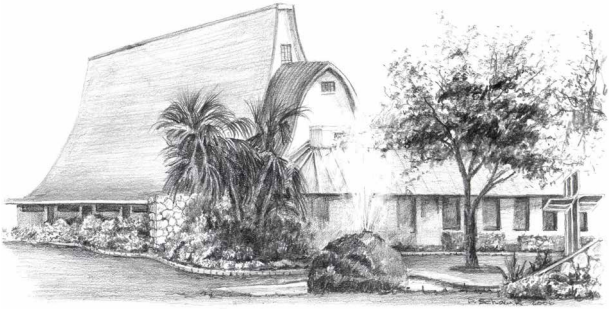
11/14
Patricia & John Jablansky (39)

[10/19] MORE "ANGELS IN DISGUISE"
Norma Miller (right), Jodi Hurst, Alicia Boatwright









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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: _____

FOR OFFICE:
# of bouquets _____
$ _____
☐ Paid ____/____/____

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.