

# Weekly Connections

April 14-21, 2019

Lutheran Church  
**OUR SAVIOURS**



JOIN US DURING HOLY WEEK  
AND THEN CELEBRATE CHRIST'S  
RESURRECTION ON EASTER.

## Holy Week Services at Our Saviour's Campus

**April 18 Maundy Thursday Services:**  
Noon and \*7:00pm

**April 19 Children's Crosswalk:**  
9:30 and 11:00am

**April 19 Good Friday Service:**  
\*7:00pm

## **Easter Weekend Worship April 20 and 21:**

### Our Saviour's Campus:

- Easter Saturday at \*5:00pm
- Easter Sunday at 7:45, \*9:00, \*10:15,  
and \*11:30am

### Celebration Campus:

- Sunrise Service at 6:30am  
(New Location)
- Easter Service at \*10:00am

\* Childcare is available



***God Most High, gracious and glorious, blessed  
is the one who comes in your name. Lead us  
now on the road to the cross. May we follow  
with faithfulness and joy, shouting hosanna in  
the highest heaven; through Jesus Christ our  
Savior and Lord. Amen.***

## On Palm Sunday and Easter we celebrate First Communion with

- **Sophia O'Neal**, daughter of Jay and Leslye O'Neal
- **Caitlynn Swanson**, Daughter of Michelle and Jim Swanson.
- **Maddok Ramsey**, son of Steve and Alison Ramsey.

## Dialogues in Faith

**(9:00am and 10:30am - Our Saviour's Campus)**

- Sunday, April 14: Psalms of Praise.
- Easter Sunday, April 21: no class.

## Women's Bible Study

**Women's Bible Study Gathering -- April 22, 7:00pm**

Braconi's (796 Royal St George Dr, Naperville).

Are you looking for an opportunity to get to know other women and study Scripture? We're starting a new Women's Bible Study small group right after Easter, looking at how women shared the story of Jesus' resurrection! We'll meet Monday, April 22, at 7:00pm to discuss frequency, topics, and logistics. For more information, please contact Pastor Emily ([pastoremi@oursaviours.com](mailto:pastoremi@oursaviours.com) or 630-355-2522).

## Baccalaureate

**Sunday, May 19, during the 10:30am worship at the Our Saviour's Campus with a brunch following.**

Baccalaureate is a highlight for graduating students when Our Saviour's members rally around them at worship through prayer and recognition. We also mark the occasion with a brunch to highlight students' faith journeys thus far, support their families, and encourage students to keep the faith during their next steps. We ask that students wear their graduation gown (no cap) to the worship service. **In order to mark the occasion and participate, the following must be completed by Wednesday, April 17:**

- RSVP with your student's name (as you would like it printed) and how many family members will be attending the brunch.
- Submit 1 formal senior picture & 1 baby/toddler photo.
- Once decided, notify us of your student's college or other plans for after graduation (you may or may not know this by April 17, so as soon as possible).

Questions? Call us at 630-355-2522 or email Stephanie at [Stephanieengel@oursaviours.com](mailto:Stephanieengel@oursaviours.com). Blessings to you as you continue to walk with your children during this time, Stephanie Engel & Pastor Emily.

## VBS NEEDS YOU! July 15-19

VBS cannot happen without your help, and we are in need of leaders for the following stations:



### Elementary Imagination Station:

This is the place where kids explore, experiment, test, try, and play! Guide our 1st-5th graders through various sciencey-fun gizmos – no scientific knowledge required! Seeking an adult to lead this station.

### Elementary Bible Adventures:

Help our 1st-5th graders experience each Bible story using all five senses! You will help our VBS participants feel like they are actually part of the Bible story. Seeking a high school student or adult to lead this station.

### Elementary Video:

Do you have a passion for films and movies? Guide our kiddos through a discussion after they watch each day's film about real kids in Africa living out their faith in really cool ways. Seeking a high school student or adult to lead this station.

### Elementary Games:

Pump up the energy at VBS by leading students in games that will act as physical reminders of that day's Bible lesson. Seeking an adult to lead this station.

### Preschool Exploration Stations:

You will assist our preschoolers as they experience free-play activities and unstructured discovery time. Seeking a high school student or adult to lead this station.

### Preschool Bible Adventures:

Help our preschoolers transcend to Bible times by leading interactive Bible stories that get them involved and into the story. Seeking a high school student or adult to lead this station.

### Preschool Craft & Play:

Spark imagination as our preschoolers experience, play, and discover new ideas! Kiddos will love the projects they create and will be so excited to share those projects with their families at home! Seeking a high school student or adult to lead this station.

### Preschool Games:

Lead our preschoolers through games specifically designed for them to understand teambuilding and leadership all while having a blast! Seeking a high school student or adult to lead this station.

We are also in need of station assistants (grade 6 and up) for all of the stations listed above. Please register to volunteer at [tinyurl.com/OSLCROAR](http://tinyurl.com/OSLCROAR)

For questions, contact Marcy Andersen at [marcyandersen@oursaviours.com](mailto:marcyandersen@oursaviours.com).

### Buds, Suds and Grub Annual Youth Flower Sale

Have you turned in your flower pre-order form? They are due on **April 15**. Please support our youth by ordering beautiful hanging baskets, color bowls, and/or annuals from our sale. Flowers can be picked up on Saturday, May 11, 9:00-1:00pm...There will be lots of "EXTRAS" available, too! They really do make great Mother's Day gifts. C'mon out and support our Eagle's Wings Choir and order flowers.

Can you help on Saturday, May 11, with the youth flower sale at the Our Saviour's Campus? Contact Terry Thompson at [terrythompson@oursaviours.com](mailto:terrythompson@oursaviours.com).

Prayers for a day full of sun and fun!!



### Slovakia News!

Have you ever wanted to learn more about our Slovakia Ministry? If so, join us on a trip to Slovakia and see what it is all about. Travelling with fellow church members to other parts of the world is a great experience!

The Center for Christian Education is a place where people of all ages can learn and experience the love of Christ. The mission of the CCE is to spread the Gospel in post-communist Eastern Europe and to reintroduce a church that is faithful to its calling and relevant in today's society. We have been ministry partners now for over 20 years!

We are planning a seven-day Insight Trip to Slovakia on October 10-16, 2019. The trip will introduce you to our partners in Nitra and Martin, Slovakia. You will experience the miracles in both towns; spend time with the congregation of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Nitra and see children learning in a Christian environment at The Center for Christian Education in Martin. For more information about this trip, please contact Gail Jernberg: [gailj7759@aol.com](mailto:gailj7759@aol.com) or Don Swanson: [dswan666@gmail.com](mailto:dswan666@gmail.com)

### Dinner for Mozambique Ministry



A special dinner to benefit our ministry partners in Mozambique will take place on April 26 at Stonebridge Country Club in Aurora. Dr. Richard Mtisi of Luther College will be the guest speaker. The evening includes cocktails, dinner, a live auction, raffle and sponsorship opportunities. Cost is \$50 per person. RSVP to Sara Gmitro at [saragmitro@gmail.com](mailto:saragmitro@gmail.com) by April 23. We hope you can join us!



## Obituary for Kathleen (Kay) Joy (Ulvi) Nelson



Kathleen (Kay) Joy (Ulvi) Nelson died surrounded by the love of her family April 6<sup>th</sup> after a long battle with CMML(Leukemia). She was born in Cloquet, Minnesota, June 30, 1939 to the late Eino and Esther Ulvi. A graduate of Cloquet High School, Moline Lutheran School of Nursing, and Illinois Benedictine University, her nursing career brought great joy and comfort to countless patients and students throughout her career. Beloved at North Central College she was the 2<sup>nd</sup> recipient of the prestigious First Citizen of the College Award for her work as Director of Health Services.

Widely known for her famous cinnamon rolls, she married her childhood sweetheart in 1960. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She relished her retirement, winters in Arizona and summers at their lake home in Moose Lake, Minnesota.

She excelled at bringing people together through family celebrations, dinner with friends, golf outings and many other gatherings. She was tireless in her desire to help, bringing students to appointments, providing food and advice for any in need and shepherding those most neglected. Kay used her wonderful attributes in her partnership with Jerry as an adored pastor's wife. Many remember her time in Naperville where her husband served as senior pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church for many years. She of course enjoyed singing in choirs throughout her life and sang like an angel in the Our Saviour's choir and later in life adored her time singing with the Grand Singers.

Kay is survived by the love of her life, husband Jerry, sons Kevin (Karen) of Edina, Minnesota, Michael of Tigard Oregon, and daughter Karla (Tom) of Apex, North Carolina. Her beloved eight grandchildren; Erik, Kristen, and Peter Nelson, Anders and Haana Nelson, Kristina, Samuel and Kira Cossa. She is also survived by sisters Phyllis (Lou) and Carolyn (Phil). And a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Kay was so proud of her Finnish heritage and always encouraged her loved ones to persevere with sisu.

**Her Celebration of Life service will be held April 13th at 11:00am at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13724 Meeker Blvd, Sun City West, Arizona. A fellowship reception will immediately follow at the church.**

***In lieu of flowers, please direct gifts to the Lord of Life Memorial Fund in memory of Kay.***

Here is Pastor Jerry's address if you would like to send a card.

Rev. Gerald Nelson  
15754 W Grand Point Ln  
Surprise, AZ 85374



## It's a wrap, I mean a MAT!

This is the last weekend we will be collecting plastic bags for Vickie Witt and her classroom. "Our congregants have been amazing with the plastic bags! I never dreamed we would have this many."

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, they have more than enough to keep them busy. We also would like to thank those who helped create the mats. It sure looked like fun on the Women's Retreat!

When we asked Vickie about the mats and how much is needed, here's what she shared: "Our mats for the homeless take between 700-800 plastic bags each. We fold, cut and chain them into plarn (plastic yarn). This has truly been an amazing community project and has helped our students learn about helping others. In addition, as the students work side by side, they build connections with one another."



## Serving Opportunities

### Children's Crosswalk Volunteer Opportunities

**Friday, April 19, 9:30 & 11:00am, Our Saviour's Campus.** This interactive drama is specifically designed for families to walk with Jesus and the key characters from Palm Sunday through Good Friday. Contact Marcy at marcyandersen@oursaviours.com or Pastor Emily at pastoremily@oursaviours.com

### Come Help Create the Easter Garden!

**Saturday, April 20, 9:00am, Our Saviour's Campus**  
Questions? Call Jan Dusek at 369-4283.

### Buds, Suds and Grub Annual Youth Flower Sale

**Can you help on Saturday, May 11, with the youth flower sale at the Our Saviour's Campus?** Contact Terry Thompson at terrythompson@oursaviours.com. Prayers for a day full of sun and fun!

### Hospitality

***Thanks to the Active Senior Team for hosting hospitality on April 14, Palm Sunday!***

Hospitality Ministry is responsible for creating environments where people can linger, connect with friends, and meet new people. By providing good coffee and a spread of delicious snacks each Sunday, we hope to help our guests and regulars feel welcomed. If you like your Sunday coffee, this is a great way to give back. And again, it's once a month if you join a team, or want to be on a sub list. Interested? Please contact Debbie Montrose at debbiemontrose@oursaviours.com.

### Greeter Team

Do you like to wave? Smile? Say hello? If your answer is yes, come be part of the greeter teams at church. First impressions are key to making guests and visitors feel comfortable. Connecting with current members is easily done with a handshake, fist bump, or high five. If this sounds like your kind of job, check in with us and be part of team once a month or be on a sub list. Contact Kristin Petras at Kristin.Petras@uchospitals.edu and say hello!

### Donating flowers for the altar:

Honor or memorialize a family member or loved one. The cost is \$30. Contact Holly at 630-355-2522 or Hollymckinney@oursaviours.com.

### National Day of Prayer

**The 67<sup>th</sup> Annual National Day of Prayer**

**DuPage County Observance**

**Thursday, May 2, 12:00-1:00pm**

**Naperville Municipal Building, 400 S. Eagle Street, Naperville.**

Pastors and community leaders will lead prayers in eight areas. There will also be special music, scripture reading, and hymn singing. Parking is free on the upper level and in the parking structure on Water Street. Admission is free and open to all ages.



### "We Are Called"

The 2019 Metro Chicago Synod Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will take place on Friday and Saturday, June 7 and 8, at the Tinley Park Convention Center. During the assembly, voting members will elect a new bishop to succeed Bishop Wayne Miller, elect synod council members, and vote on a number of synod resolutions. **If you are interested in being considered as one of Our Saviour's five voting members to the synod assembly, please contact the church office at 630-355-2522.**

### Important Dates to Remember

**April 18, Maundy Thursday Service**

**April 19, Crosswalk and Good Friday Services**

**April 20/21, Easter Services**

**April 22, Both Campuses Closed**

**May 5, Confirmation**

**May 11, Buds, Suds, and Grub and Men's Breakfast**

**May 12, Mother's Day**

**May 19, Baccalaureate**

**June 2, Worship in the Park**

**June 7/8, Mega Garage Sale**

**June 15, Church Congregational Annual Meeting**

## Tuesday Talks at Riverwalk on April 16

A lecture, "Hoarding: What a Beautiful Perspective," will take place on April 16, at the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center, 305 W. Jackson Avenue in Naperville. You can enjoy a light bite to eat at 5:15pm and then stay for the lecture by Gerontologist Colleen Ceh Becvar, which takes place from 5:30-6:30pm. RSVP by Monday April 15 to: Chris McBride, Church Liaison Riverwalk Adult Day Services Board. Cell: 630-640-0803. Email: [jamedshill@wowway.com](mailto:jamedshill@wowway.com).



# RIVERWALK ADULT DAY SERVICES

## Spring Luncheon

**The 42nd Annual Spring Luncheon of the Chicagoland Friends of Lutheran World Relief**, Friday, April 26, at Avalon Banquets, 1905 E. Higgins Road, Elk Grove Village. Arrive at 11:00am to view a display of quilts, care kits and purchase fair trade products. The event begins promptly at 11:45 am.

Nicole Hark, Deputy Regional Director for Asia and the Middle East, will present "Stories from Syria" and highlight how support is reaching those affected by the war in Syria and neighboring countries.

Reservations at \$25 per person are due no later than April 12 (payable to Friends of Lutheran World Relief) and should be mailed to Olinda Fink, 215 Marengo Avenue, #2F, Forest Park, IL 60130-1611 (708.366.3585). Learn more at <https://lwr.org/friends>.

## Sounds of Spring with Dueling Pianos and LSSI!

Saturday, April 27, 10:00am. Presented by the Women's Network of LSSI, Spring Fling will be held at the Westin Chicago Northwest in Itasca. Dueling Pianos! Shopping, raffle drawings, and other fun activities begin at 10:00am. The first 20 'Early Birds' to arrive will win prizes that will make their shopping experience extraordinary. Proceeds from Spring Fling, including 20% off shopping purchases, benefit Family Mental Health Programs of Lutheran Social Services of IL. Tickets are \$75 each, and student tickets are \$45. Visit [LSSI.org/spring-fling.php](http://LSSI.org/spring-fling.php) or Mariah Heinz at 847.635.4656, [Mariah.Heinz@LSSI.org](mailto:Mariah.Heinz@LSSI.org)

## Islamic Center of Naperville Open House Invitation

You and your family, friends and acquaintance's are invited to attend an event " Islamic Center of Naperville Open Mosque Day" on Sunday, April 28, from 11am - 5pm.

ICN arranges this event each year to give an opportunity for their neighbors to visit their mosque, learn about Islam, interact with Muslims, see Islamic culture, enjoy ethnic food, see many things in different booths and ask questions from an Imam.

ISLAMIC CENTER of NAPERVILLE  
invites you - our friends and neighbors to our

# Open MOSQUE DAY

Sunday, 04.28.2019 11am-5pm  
Islamic Center of Naperville  
2844 W. Ogden Ave, Naperville, IL 60540

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MEET THE IMAM      MOSQUE TOURS      PRESENTATIONS

WITH A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR KIDS

To RSVP contact: 630-426-3335 or [admin@icnmasjid.org](mailto:admin@icnmasjid.org)

## Prayers

Cindy Huenecke, Elaine Kruse, Pam Krockner, Paul Swanson, John Burke, Norma Thompson, and Lisa Balstrode.

We rejoice in new life, and celebrate with Jason and Kayla Kudelka at the birth of Addison Christine Kudelka; grandparents are Tom and Joann Kudelka.

We also celebrate with Sue and Mark Bergren at the birth of granddaughter, Astrid Lane Bergren.

If you have a pastoral emergency after office hours, call the on-call pastor (331) 305-4381.

## Employment Opportunity: Director of Worship and Arts

We ask for your help in sharing this information, so we can reach out to as many people as possible. We also ask for your prayers as the search committee continues to review candidates. The Director of Worship and Arts will oversee all aspects of worship, music and special programs. Requirements include experience in directing adult and youth choirs and developing worship services and special programs that create a meaningful, spirit- and faith-filled experience.

Deadline to apply: April 30

You can see a link to the full job description here:

<http://oursaviours.com/home/employment>

## Our Saviour's Mission

- We welcome people from diverse spiritual experiences.
- We walk with all people on their faith journey.
- We value worship that nurtures life-long faith.
- We inspire use of our God-given gifts to serve others locally and globally.

*We do all this to Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known.*

## Our Saviour's Vision

We are called to be a beacon of light and hope that impacts the world by:

- Making connections and building relationships.
- Creating space for healthy and diverse faith conversations.
- Equipping individuals of all ages for growth, ministry, and leadership.
- Putting our faith into action in the church and world.

*Together we transform the lives of those serving and being served.*

## Week at a Glance

### Sunday, April 14

Worship - 8:00, 9:00, 10:30am (OS)  
Sunday School - 9:00, 10:30am (OS)  
Dialogues in Faith - 9:00, 10:30am (OS)  
Worship Service - 10:00am (C)  
Sunday School - 10:00am (C)  
Surge - Noon (C)  
Ignition - 6:00pm (C)

### Monday, April 15

Moms Bible Study -9:30am (OS)

### Tuesday, April 16

Bible Study - 9:30 am (OS)  
Bach Bells - 1:00pm (OS)  
Pickle Ball - 2:45pm (C)  
Troop 107 - 7:00pm (OS)  
Bach Ringers - 7:00pm (OS)

### Wednesday, April 17

Cherubim Choir - 4:30pm (OS)  
Seraphim Choir - 4:30pm (OS)  
Family Pizza - 5:15pm (OS)  
Praise Express - 6:00pm (OS)  
Eagles Wings - 7:00pm (OS)

### Thursday, April 18

Prayer Shawl - 10:00am (C)  
Maundy Thursday Services - noon and 7:00pm (OS)

### Friday, April 19

Men's Group - Bruce Riley- 6:00am  
Saintly Stuffers - 9:00am (OS)  
Children's Crosswalk, 9:30 and 11:00am (OS)  
Pickle Ball - 1:30pm (C)  
Good Friday Service - 7:00pm (OS)

### Saturday, April 20

Easter Saturday Service - 5:00pm (OS)

### Sunday, April 21, Easter Sunday

Worship Services

**Celebration Campus: 6:30am and 10:00am**

**Our Saviour's Campus: 7:45, 9:00, 10:15, and 11:30am**