

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

April 15 - 21, 2018

Lutheran Church
OUR SAVIOURS

Debt Free, To Be... Coming to an end...

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June will mark the 5th year anniversary of “Debt Free, To Be...” and the conclusion! I have said numerous times during this Capital Appeal that it is a blessing to be a part of this Faith Community and I am thankful. The progress made in eliminating our debt is amazing!

Five years ago we had a principal balance of \$6.5M in debt. Today our balance is approximately \$2M and it is projected by June that we will end the Debt Free appeal with a \$1.8M balance. A truly amazing commitment from this Faith Community. As a result, our Faith Community has been strengthened financially and is better equipped to focus on making connections and building relationships that support our mission of *Knowing Jesus, and Making Jesus Known*.

As promised five years ago, we will not have another Capital Appeal. The plan is to roll the payments of our remaining debt into the operational budget. We recently secured a fixed 3.9% interest rate on the balance, so our ongoing obligation will be \$18,852/month. To ease this ongoing obligation, we are seeking to do a final push in the closing months to see if we can reduce our principal balance to just \$1.5M. **That would be a \$5M reduction in 5 years!**

To reach this \$5M reduction milestone, we are asking the following:

- Please fulfill outstanding Debt Free, To Be... pledge balances
- If you've fulfilled your pledge, consider an additional farewell gift to Debt Free, To Be...
- If you have not participated in the Debt Free Appeal, please consider a one-time gift

As a Faith Community, we have achieved impressive results and together we can punctuate the end of the “Debt Free, to Be...” appeal, better positioning us to transform the lives of those serving and being served.

Please come to the annual meeting (TBD) to hear more about our financial vision for a unified operational budget that supports operations, debt payments, building maintenance, reserves and most importantly, our missions.

Thank you for your consideration and for all your contributions to our Faith Community!

Dialogues in Faith (Adult Ed)

9:00am and 10:30am (OS)

- April 15 - Andrea Field presents findings from the Dead Sea Scrolls & Nag Hammadi Library.
- April 22 - Sherry Bryant presents "Treating Depression by Learning to Talk/Listen" beginning with a fascinating TED talk video.
- April 29 - Andrea Field discusses "The Role of Women in Early House Churches."
- May 6 - Storytellers: Easter Experience, and End of Year Evaluation

Monday Morning Moms

Wait and See by Wendy Pope, starting April 16. It is a Bible study so no need to prepare or read ahead. Come as you are, and join moms at Our Saviour's Campus. Childcare is provided. Questions? Please contact Pastor Emily.

Welcoming all Euchre players - couples or singles.

Join us on Sunday afternoon 2:00pm, April 22 at the home of Lu and Marv Koerper, 1549 Chippewa Dr, Naperville. You don't have to be a great player, this is just to have fun and meet with others from Our Saviour's. Please bring an appetizer, veggies, cookies, or finger food snack and your beverage of choice.

To sign up, email Lu and Marv Koerper at l.koerper@yahoo.com or 630-357-0689 and leave your name and phone number by April 18, so we can decide as a group the best time to meet the next month. Looking forward to fun and fellowship.

Triple Header Day

Men's Ministry

The next men's breakfast is Saturday, May 12 at 7:30am at the Our Saviour's Campus. After breakfast, stop by Buds, Suds and Grub.

Moms Making Moves

Saturday, May 12, 8:00-10:00am, Celebration Gym Free event for moms of all ages to gather in fellowship! The morning includes a 30 minute workout, light breakfast, and informational speakers about making a difference in your home as well as your community! We are collecting cleaning products to donate to Loaves and Fishes! RSVP by May 5 to celebrationmoms@gmail.com Then...head on over to Buds, Suds and Grub at the Our Saviour's Campus.

Buds, Suds and Grub

Saturday, May 12, is the annual flower/plant sale fundraiser. It's a great day to order/pick up flowers, get your car washed, and have some lunch; a great Mother's Day gift too! Pre-order by April 15! Order forms are available at both campuses, Questions? Contact Lynn at lynnpanosh@oursaviours.com

Dinner for Mozambique Ministry

Stonebridge Country Club, Friday, April 27, 6:30pm cocktails, 7:00pm dinner, \$50 per person includes dinner, live Auction and sponsorship opportunities. RSVP to Sarah Gmitro saragmitro@gmail.com by April 24. No jeans please.



KIDS GIVE BACK

(Missions Camp for Elementary Children) July 16-20, noon - 2:00pm, lunch is included. Many of our local missions have age restrictions for their volunteers, so we decided to bring them to us! Join us as we learn about ways to give back to our community and beyond! Questions? Email Liza Schramm (Liza.schramm@gmail.com) or Pastor Brian. Sign up at oursaviours.com/happenings/ registration.

VBS Volunteer Registration

Volunteer registration is now open at oursaviours.com/happenings/ registration. Shipwrecked VBS is an adventure where everyone can make a splash! **VBS is July 16-20!** Questions? Contact Allison Jackson at vbs@oursaviours.com

Active Senior Social Events

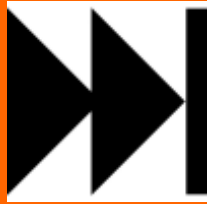
~ Naperville Municipal Band FREE Spring Concert

Sunday, April 22, at 3:00pm, Wentz Hall on the campus of North Central College The Band will play music in recognition of our state's bicentennial. Illinois is celebrating its 200th anniversary of statehood this year (Dec. 3, 1818).

~ Lunch outing and Tour

Friday, May 4, at 11:30am, College of DuPage Culinary & Hospitality Center Waterleaf Restaurant. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall and prepay in the collection plates or in the church office (\$20 per person) by Sunday April 22, (ref. "Active Senior 5/4 Event on check). A tour of the Culinary School and Hospitality Center will be offered after lunch.

The Old Testament Fast Forward



The Complete History in 10 Minutes

Our Saviour's welcomes the Children's Musical on Saturday, April 21, during the 5:00 pm service, and Sunday, April 22, during the 10:30 am service.

Everyone is invited to an ice cream social after the service in the fellowship hall at the Our Saviour's Campus. Hope to see you there!

LSSI's Spring Fling

Saturday, April 28, The Westin Chicago in Itasca. Boutiques open at 10:00am, lunch is at noon.

Tickets are \$75. For details, call Mariah Heinz at 847-635-4656 Mariah.heinz@LSSI.org

Mother's Day and Baby Care Kits

Honor or remember a special woman in your life with a \$10 donation to go toward a Baby Care Kit to God's youngest in need, both locally and globally. Check your bulletins next week for information and donation cards.

Mark your Calendars!

- **Confirmation Service**, Sunday, May 6, 2:00pm, Our Saviour's Campus.
- **Buds, Suds, Grub**, Saturday, May 12, 9-2pm, Our Saviour's Campus.
- **Mother's Day**, May 13
- **Baccalaureate Service** for Graduating Seniors, Sunday, May 20, 10:30am Worship Service, at Our Saviour's Campus. Contact Pastor Emily for details.
- **Mega Garage Sale** at Celebration Campus.
- Sale Days - Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9 (half day Saturday)
- Set up: Tuesday, May 29, Wednesday, May 30. Drop offs: Thursday, May 31 - Tuesday, June 5 (except Sunday, June 3).

Naperville Women's Half Marathon and 5K on Sunday, April 22.

Please check to see if your route to church is affected. For alternate routes to church, check the map on the website at www.napervillewomenshalf.events



Our Epidemic of Depression and Suicide: Addressing Despair in Children and Adolescents

Thursday, April 26, 7-8:30pm, Good Shepherd Church

Join us for this important presentation by Dr. Thomas DiMatteo, a child and adolescent psychiatrist for over 18 years. Registration or fee not required. Questions? Email Tracy Takeda at ttakeda@samaracarecounseling.org

Mental Health Month: Fitness#4Mind4Body

Since 1949, Mental Health America and our affiliates across the country have led the observance of May as Mental Health Month by reaching millions of people through the media, local events and screenings.

<http://screening.mentalhealthamerica.net/screening-tools>

One in four adults experiences a mental illness in a given year. Yet, nearly two-thirds do not seek treatment. Especially men. And, stigma is often to blame. It's time to talk about mental health. Over the past thirty years, the rate of suicide among men has been **three to four times** that of women. Traditionally, however, men have shied away from talking about their feelings as it is viewed as negative and weak.

#StrongerThanStigma raises awareness around the unique challenges that men face when discussing mental health, to encourage open dialogue, and to promote help seeking behavior.

<https://bringchange2mind.org/learn/psas/strongerthanstigma>

Remember: Faith communities can change the world by speaking up about Suicide prevention and mental illness in this new century.

This week at a glance:

Sunday, April 15

Worship Services - 8, 9, and 10:30am (OS)
Sunday School after the Children's Message in
worship (OS)
Adult Ed - 9 and 10:30am (OS)
Worship Service -10:00am (C)
Sunday School after the Children's Message in
worship (C)
Children's Musical Rehearsal - noon (OS)
Surge - noon (C)
Ignition - 6:30pm (C)

Monday, April 16

Monday Morning Moms - 9:30am (OS)

Tuesday, April 17

Bible Study - 9:00am (OS)
Bach Bells - 1:00pm (OS)
Pickle ball - 2:30pm (C)
Troop 107 - 7:15pm (OS)

Wednesday, April 18

Men's Small Group - 6:00am (C)
Cherubim Choir - 4:30pm (OS)
Seraphim Choir - 4:30pm (OS)
Family Pizza - 5:15 (OS)
Senior Youth Leadership Team - 5:45pm (OS)
Praise Express - 6:00pm (OS)
Praise Percussion - 6:00pm (OS)
Eagles Wings - 7pm (OS)
REALM training for Leaders - 7:00pm (OS)

Thursday, April 19

Women's Circle - 2:00pm (OS)
Prayer Shawl - 10:00am (C)
Library Committee - 1:00pm (OS)
Hearts in Puppetry - 7:00pm (OS)
Men's Chorale - 6:30pm (OS)

Friday, April 20

Men's Small Group, Bruce Riley - 6:00am (C)
Saintly Stuffers - 9:00pm (OS)

Saturday, April 21

Children's Musical Dress Rehearsal - 9:00am
Pickle ball - 9:00am (C)
Children's Musical/Worship Service - 5:00pm (OS)

**Our Saviour's (OS)
Celebration (C)**

Interested in membership?

Our Saviour's is happy to answer any questions you might have about church membership.

Email us at: membership@oursaviours.com.

We will be happy to follow up with you. Thank you.

Things you should know

Weekend Mar 31/April 1

Worship attendance	1877
General offering	\$ 19,917.00
Debt Free offering	\$ 10,494.23

Weekend of April 7/8

Worship attendance	755
General offering	\$ 26,874.16
Debt Free offering	\$ 3,938.57

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- Church Telephone Number: 630-355-2522
- Church website: www.oursaviours.com