

# WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

April 29 - May 5, 2018

Lutheran Church  
**OUR SAVIOURS**

## God at Work in Haiti

On March 22-28, sixteen youth and four mentors traveled to Carrefour and Mariani, Haiti, to see God at work there and to deepen their faith. It wasn't only the amazing weather that made us feel comfortable; we were welcomed with open arms by the people of Good Shepherd Orphanage in Carrefour, where we stayed throughout the week, and by the people of Mariani where we helped re-cement the walls of classrooms and played with the neighborhood children.

Whether it was passing buckets of cement, having hair braided by children, or playing soccer, the joy of the Lord was ever-present. We learned the simplicity of joy: relationships matter most, and God is present where we sometimes least expect it.

- *In Haiti, I laughed louder, smiled bigger, and loved harder than even before thanks to the people I met there. I cannot thank the people of Haiti enough for changing my life and I can't wait to see them again one day.*  
- Rachel Kamp
- *When I look back on my trip to Haiti, I think about playing patty-cake with Gaous. He taught me one way to play and then I taught him Avocado. The next day, we reconnected and Gaous asked to play Avocado. It meant a lot to be able to share and learn from each other.* - Evan Peterson

Leading up to the trip, we spent time learning a bit of the Haitian Creole language, wondering what God might be calling us to be and do, writing devotions, planning ministry with the children of Mariani, and learning the history of Haiti. That, and the prayers and financial support from fundraising at Mongolian BBQ and the Youth Auction, prepared us to see God at work in and through us. Thank you, Our Saviour's, for caring for our brothers and sisters in Christ here in Naperville and in Haiti.



## Blessing of the Bike Season

Sunday, May 13, during worship services at 9, 10, and 10:30am at both campuses. Bring your bike helmets as we mark the beginning of the bike season!

## Calling All Seniors!

Senior Lunch is Monday, May 7, at noon, at the Our Saviour's Campus. Please RSVP to Dawn or the front office at 630-355-2522 by Thursday, May 3, so that we can plan accordingly for food. Hope to see you!

## Mother's Day and Baby Care Kits

Honor or remember a special woman in your life with a \$10 donation to go towards a Baby Care Kit to God's youngest in need, both locally and globally. Look for the bulletin insert or the flyers, and fill out your information. We'll print a thank you bulletin insert for mother's day weekend.

## Dialogues in Faith (Adult Ed) 9:00am and 10:30am (OS)

- 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 is our new book and it's a Bible study so no need to prepare or read ahead. Come as you are, and join moms at Our Saviour's Campus on Mondays at 9:30am. Childcare is provided. Questions? Please contact Pastor Emily.

## 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](mailto:celebrationmoms@gmail.com) Then...walk 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 pick up flowers, get your car washed, and have some lunch; a great Mother's Day gift too!

Cash and Carry is available the day of sale. It's a day of flowers, fun and fellowship. Questions? Contact Lynn at [lynnpanosh@oursaviours.com](mailto:lynnpanosh@oursaviours.com)

### Women's Ministries

Calling all Our Saviour's Women for an evening of: **Food and Drink, Laughter and Fellowship** **Wednesday, May 9th at 6:00pm at the Celebration Campus Patio** (Inside if weather is uncooperative!) Bring a Salad to Share or a Drink of Choice. Questions? Contact Lynn Nulicek ([lynnnul@comcast.net](mailto:lynnnul@comcast.net))



## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

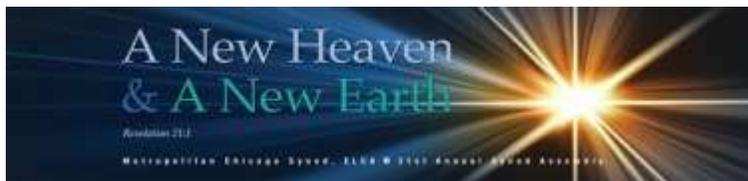
The 67<sup>th</sup> annual Nat'l Day of Prayer, DuPage County Observance, will be held on Thursday, May 3, from noon-1:00pm in the Naperville Municipal Building, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville. Pastors and community leaders will lead prayers in eight areas. There will also be special music, scripture reading, 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.

## 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! Questions? Email Pastor Brian or Liza Schramm ([Liza.schramm@gmail.com](mailto:Liza.schramm@gmail.com)). Sign up at [oursaviours.com/happenings/](http://oursaviours.com/happenings/) registration.

## VBS Volunteer Registration

Volunteer registration is now open at [oursaviours.com/happenings/](http://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](mailto:vbs@oursaviours.com)



### Early Synod Assembly Registration

The 2018 synod assembly is **June 8 and 9, 2018**, at the Tinley Park Convention Center, 18451 Convention Center Dr, Tinley Park, IL 60477. This year's theme is "A New Heaven and a New Earth," from Revelation 21:1. Registration for voting members, visitors, display hosts and workshop presenters is now open. If anyone is interested in attending, please call the church office at 630-355-2522. Deadline for the congregation is May 6. For more information, check the ELCA website at <http://www.mtselca.org/assembly/>



If you are a Thrivent Financial member, don't forget to complete your project report online in your account after you have used your Thrivent grant card. It only takes a few short minutes. (You can share photos too.) And... there are still plenty of opportunities to use a Thrivent Action Grant. Questions? Contact Debbie Montrose at [debbiemontrose@oursaviours.com](mailto:debbiemontrose@oursaviours.com)

### 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).



We all know that the church is not a building; it is a community of people joined together by their desire to grow in relation with God and with each other. Being a church in today's world requires us to embrace technology that unites our members, friends, and visitors. Our Saviour's has upgraded to Realm, a new church management software, to help us achieve our goal of a more connected church. Realm and its companion app, *Connect—Our Church Community*, was designed to help our congregation live out our faith between Sundays.

Realm, like the strategic plan it is part of, is a journey we will take together. And like all journeys, it starts with a single step. We ask people who want to join Realm to sign up and do one small activity first—add your photo, check your home address, or view your small groups. As you get more comfortable, you can update your profile and explore the numerous Our Saviour's ministries and outreach programs available to join. Soon you will be able to register for events and volunteer activities, give and pledge online, and participate in digital conversations in your small groups.

The easiest way to join Realm is through the *Connect* app (available at iTunes and Google Play Store). You will get an email invitation to join Realm in the coming weeks. If you are interested in Realm but would like someone to walk with you, the Realm team will have stations after worship this May. We understand not everyone is comfortable with Realm right now. You will remain connected to Our Saviour's through your current communication methods. We are excited for this transformation and we hope you join us on Realm!

## [This week at a glance:](#)

### **Sunday, April 29**

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)  
Surge - noon (C)  
Ignition - 6:30pm (C)

### **Monday, April 30**

Monday Morning Moms - 9:30am (OS)

### **Tuesday, May 1**

Bach Bells - 1:00pm (OS)  
Pickle ball - 2:30pm (C)  
Bach Ringers - 7:00pm (OS)  
Troop 107 - 7:15pm (OS)

### **Wednesday, May 2**

Contemplative Prayer - 7:00 pm (OS)  
Eagles Wings - 7:00pm (OS)

### **Thursday, May 3**

Library Meeting - 1:00pm (OS)  
Hearts in Puppetry - 7:00pm (OS)  
Men's Chorale - 6:30pm (OS)  
Women's Chorale - 6:45pm (OS)  
Sanctuary Choir - 7:30pm (OS)

### **Friday, May 4**

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

### **Saturday, May 5**

Pickle ball - 9:00am (C)  
Worship Service - 5:00pm (OS)  
Confirmation Rehearsal Dinner - 6:00pm (OS)  
Confirmation Rehearsal - 7:00pm (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](mailto:membership@oursaviours.com).

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

## **Prayers for April 28/29**

Herman Hezinger	Vuriel Pipal
Connie Halgrimson	Judy Stary
David Sears	Pam Gutshall
Kjell Hilding	Sandy Kruse
Sandy Hilding	Christopher Longhitano

## **Serving Opportunities**

**Refugee Needs:** full size crib and mattress (baby due May 9), pack-n-play.

Please contact Anne Wentz at [annecwentz@wideopenwest.com](mailto:annecwentz@wideopenwest.com) or 630-961-3961. Thank you.

## **Important church information**

### **Weekend April 14/15**

Worship attendance	711
General offering	\$ 10,005.00
Debt Free offering	\$ 1,457.23

### **Weekend of April 21/22**

Worship attendance	812
General offering	\$ 38,024.68
Debt Free offering	\$ 23,028.56

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