

WEEKLY CONNECTION

August 12-18, 2018

Lutheran Church
OUR SAVIOURS

Our Saviour's is a
nurturing, grace-filled
faith community

- We welcome people from diverse spiritual experiences
- We walk with all people on their faith journey
- We value worship that nurtures lifelong 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**

Holy Family Ministries, a Local Missions Partner, Creating Bright Tomorrows

Our Saviour's is proud to call Holy Family Ministries a Local Missions Partner. We celebrate their success as "their story begins with young leaders enrolling in their preschool. We teach and nurture them in their elementary years, prepare them to achieve success in competitive high schools, and lead fulfilling lives." The greatest chance for a child to rise out of poverty is through education. While the parents pay 25% of the cost for their child to attend Holy Family, the generosity of donors helps bridge the gap. These gifts help provide student scholarships, after school and summer activities, counseling services, field trips and so much more. There are many ways to help the students and Our Saviour's is happy to support this wonderful school and partner with them on their mission.

Read and enjoy some of Our Saviour's member's stories below:

- "We have been visiting Holy Family school with the Our Saviour's group on their Dr. Seuss day the past few years and have found this school to be a positive "oasis" of education, support, and God's loving care for their students and families in one of Chicago's sometimes difficult neighborhoods. You walk into this school and feel the welcoming atmosphere from staff and students. One year, our tour guide was a twelve-year old boy who was so proud of his school and showed us his letter of acceptance to a Charter school on their announcement board. He looked us in our eyes, smiled, and said how happy this made him and his family. It's a gift to us to have Our Saviour's participate in the caring mission for Holy Family School." ~ Bruce & Saralea Holstrom
- "Holy Family Ministries allowed me to be in the Second Grade classroom and help with reading, math, science and any other activities that came up on Tuesdays. I even had a chance to grade homework and work with students who were having trouble. Getting to know each student in that classroom was a real blessing and I still get updates even though that group is now finishing high school. Wish I had the strength to still be there every week." ~ Lou McLelland
- "I love participating in their *Dr. Seuss Day*. We are to read to the kindergarten students, but found many of them wanted to show me their skills and read the Dr. Seuss Books to me. The children are well behaved and good listeners. I always come away with joy seeing this bright spot in an often troubled neighborhood. The school not only educates the students, but has programs for the parents." ~ Lu Koerper

For information, go to www.holyfamilyministries.org



Hospitality and YOU!

The word "Hospitality" means the "the warm and generous reception of others."

Hospitality is an act of welcome and an occasion of community. Hospitality seeks to build up the Body of Christ through sharing in fellowship together. Hospitality is a gift we give to one another. It is the relationships that are the foundation of Hospitality, not the refreshments.

We are looking for friendly and enthusiastic volunteers who are willing to coordinate occasions of Hospitality following services on a rotating basis. Coordinating Hospitality will include providing light refreshments in the back of Church, and creative leadership in building and enhancing community through these short gatherings. If you feel called to give of yourself in this way, please contact Debbie at debbiemontrose@oursaviours.com.

Thank you for considering this invitation to extend and promote God's gift of Hospitality within the church community. The current teams have been serving for three years or more. If you enjoy a cup of coffee or linger before or after a service, please consider joining a team. Again, it's once a month, and you can choose your shift. Contact debbiemontrose@oursaviours.com.

Are you part of a small group, ministry, or mission group that would like to share in this great serving opportunity? We are getting our signups ready for you to help serve and give back. If you want to promote your team and hand out flyers, it's a great opportunity to reach others. Come in, have fun, and help make all feel welcome with a great cup of coffee and conversation. Watch for information coming very soon! (PS...if you're not part of small group, and would like to start one, contact Pastor Emily, she'll be glad to help!) And remember, all are welcome to share food at the hospitality table.

God's Work, Our Hands weekend is September 9.

The Baby Care Ministry will provide Hospitality for this weekend, as we assemble baby care kits. Watch for more opportunities on how you can participate in this exciting weekend of serving, caring, and ministry

Men Summer Sing!

If you are a male....HS age and up and like to sing...you are invited! Les May is organizing the 2018 Men Summer Sing....a time when all male singers are invited to come together, learn a couple of songs under the direction of Phil Spencer and sing in worship....Here are the details...ALL are invited!

Rehearsals:

Monday, August 13 7:30-9:00pm

Wednesday, August 15 7:30-9:00pm

Warm-up: Saturday, August 18 3:30pm

(You are encouraged to attend all rehearsals, but if you can only do some, it's OK!)

Sing in Worship:

Saturday, August 18, 5:00pm

Sunday, August 19, 9:00 and 10:30am

For more information, please contact Les May at mensingchorus@gmail.com

PADS

Our Saviour's is hosting DuPage PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) Friday nights through August 31.

There are serving opportunities for all ages. Make a dessert, make a bed, connect with a guest, or be part of the crazy kitchen crew! Sign up online or contact Sara at saragmitro@gmail.com.

How else can we support our guests? Donate new shoes and gently used summer clothes. Both campuses have drop off locations in the Our Saviour's fellowship and Celebration lobby.

Meal Ministry

There is a Meal Ministry for those who would benefit from a meal, for instance, those with new babies, recent or chronic illnesses, or caregiving demands. A meal is a way to "share the load" with our church family members. A meal can be homemade, or it could be a delivery of pizza, it's up to you. Sign-up (MealTrain) online, or you may contact Kelly Volin at kelly.volin@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer. If you are in need of a meal, please contact Kelly to let her get the train started!



Lynn Panosh is Retiring!

Lynn Panosh has been the Director of Worship and Arts here at Our Saviour's for 18 years, and on staff for 30 years! However, she has decided that it is time to retire at the end of the 2018 calendar year. Her decision is based on her desire to spend more time with family. As you can imagine, this has been a difficult decision for Lynn, but she is looking forward to the next chapter in her life. We give thanks to God for the energy, talent and love which she has shared. We will all miss her greatly.

Please join us in wishing Lynn a happy retirement.

Did you know? 70 teachers and mentors are needed every week to support Sunday School, Surge, and Ignition.

Sunday School, Surge, and Ignition can't happen without you... even if you haven't helped before, even if you don't have school-aged children, even if you think you can't do it. We equip you to do the most fulfilling work — making Jesus known in Faith Formation. We are currently looking for Surge (Middle School) mentors and substitutes, and Sunday School teachers. If you're willing to teach a class or two, mentor, or help with special projects, please call or email Chrissy Ball (chrissyball@oursaviours.com) or Pastor Emily (pastoremi@oursaviours.com).

Important Dates to Know:

- Today: Register online for Sunday School, Surge, Ignition, and Choirs
- August 19 - Blessing of the Backpacks in worship (9, 10, 10:30)
- August 19, 12pm - Surge Parent Meeting
- August 26, Noon - Mentor/Teacher Training
- **August 26, 5-8pm - Back-to-School BBQ for Pre K-Grade 12 (PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A DATE CHANGE)**
Back-to-School BBQ, August 19, 5:00 - 8:00 pm, Celebration Campus The Back to School BBQ is a great time for Pre K - 12th grade students, families, and mentors to come and reconnect with their small groups and teachers as well as get to know other students! We will provide the meat and drinks. Families are asked to provide a side dish (last name beginning with A-O) or a dessert (last name beginning with P-Z).
- September 9 - God's Work, Our Hands Sunday
- September 16 - Classes officially begin

Don't forget to Register for Sunday School, Surge, Ignition, and Choirs!

Children and Youth Ministry is gearing up for another great year! Registration is on Realm (make sure you have joined Realm so you have access!). See links on the Our Saviour's website and in Realm for how to register. Questions, contact us at 630-355-2522. We are excited to walk with you in 2018-2019. Let's go...

1. Go to your email as you will have an invitation from Our Saviour's Evangelical Church asking you to join.
2. Click on the link
3. Create and confirm your password (click the "I am not a robot" box)
4. Go back to your email to verify your account (it may take a few minutes for you to get the verification.
5. Click the link in the email
6. Enter your birth month and day
7. Explore Realm!

Pardon our dust! There will be construction equipment and brick appearing outside Our Saviour's Campus soon. Repairs will be done to the bell tower help to fix the leaks that we have been experiencing over the last few years. The work will start next week as progress begins, and be completed by mid November. Due to the location of this work, we will be waiting to complete the front concrete repair work and the sealing coating/stripping of the parking lot until next spring.

Thanks for your patience during these repairs.

Questions? Feel free to contact Greg Nasman at 630-281-4219.



[This Week at a Glance](#)

Sunday, August 12

Worship Services - 8:00, 9:00, and 10:30am (OS)

Worship Service - 10:00am (C)

Last College Gathering 8:00pm (C)

Monday, August 13

Men's Sing Rehearsal - 7:30pm (OS)

Tuesday, August 14

Wednesday, August 15

Men's Sing Rehearsal - 7:30pm (OS)

Thursday, August 16

Prayer Shawl - 10:00am ((C)

Library Meeting - 1:00pm (OS)

Friday, August 17

Men's Small Group, Bruce Riley - 6:00am (C)

Saintly Stuffers - 9:00am (OS)

PADS - 6:00pm (C)

Saturday, August 18

Men's Sing Rehearsal—3:30pm (OS)

Men's Sing at Worship Service - 5:00pm (OS)

Our Saviour's (OS) Celebration (C)

Summer building hours:

- The Our Saviour's building will be open on Monday and Wednesday evenings until 8:00pm.
- The Celebration building will be closed in the evenings unless otherwise scheduled.
- The office hours remain the same, Monday through Thursday, 9:00am - 5:00pm, and Fridays from 9:00am - 2:00pm.

LSSI Save the Date!

On Saturday, October 6, LSSI will honor ABC News Chief Meteorologist Ginger Zee at our Amicus Certus Celebration to be held at the Union League Club of Chicago. Watch for more info.

Men's Ministry, Save the Date!!

The Our Saviour's Fall Men's Retreat will be the weekend of October 20-21, at Lutheran Outdoors Ministry Center (LOMC) in Oregon, Illinois. The cost is \$125 per person and registration is now available online at oursaviours.com/happenings/registration. Mark Rahmel is leading this year and looking for volunteers to be on the planning committee and/or serve as small group discussion leaders. If interested in leading or helping, contact Mark at mrahmel@wowway.com, or Dan Zollner at DZollner@dykema.com. All men are welcome!

Important Church Information

Prayers

Lillian Arnoldsen

Loretta Sander

Mike Greene

Jan Jones

Dr. Tony and Regina Fernandez

We rejoice in new life, and celebrate with Erin Updegraff and Ryan Tracy at the birth of daughter, Genevieve Ray; grandparents are Kris Reentsjerna and John Updegraff.

We lift up in prayer Lynn Nulicek and family at the death of her father, Irwin Phillips; and the family and friends of Judy Kane at her death

Serving Opportunities

PADS:

We are open for business for PADS. There is still time to be a part of it. All are welcome!

We are collecting new shoes and gently used summer clothes.

Refugee needs:

Infant bounce chairs, and religious books for tots to teenagers. Please contact Anne Wentz at annecwentz@wideopenwest.com or 630-961-3961. Thank you.

Weekly Financials

Weekend of July 28/29

Worship attendance 515

General offering \$ 17,222.90

Weekend Aug 4/5

Worship attendance 513

General offering \$ 25,687.73

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.

- Find us on Facebook at:
OurSavioursLutheranChurch
- Church Telephone Number: 630-355-2522
- Church website: www.oursaviours.com