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OUR SAVIOURS

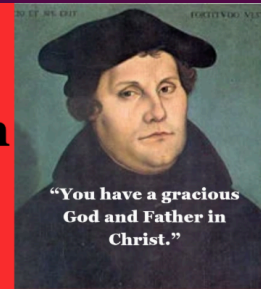


Weekly Connections

October 23, 2026



Reformation Sunday &



9th Grade Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)

**WEAR
YOUR
RED!**

**THIS Sunday
October 25
9 am | Service
10 am | Reception |**

**COME
SUPPORT
&
CELEBRATE
OUR
YOUTH!**

Congratulations to our Confirmands

Annabell Grace Jackson
Brayden Erick Hoke
Caroline Grace King

Caylee Faye Leppell
Chloe Christina Carney
Jacob Alexander Chaussey

Jens Timothy Pynn Himmelman
Joseph Scott Hooper
Marshall Emerson Tonon

Special Thanks to Our 8th Grade Mentors

Greg Nasman and Mandy Wise

Come & Worship

Gospel Reading: [John 8:31-36](#)

Reformation Sunday & 9th Grade Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation): **THIS** Sunday, October 25, 9 am worship service, followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall from 10-11 am.*

As we help our confirmation students grow in faith, we want to show them how God works through us when we serve one another and celebrate together.

Please sign up to help with the Affirmation of Baptism Reception! Food will be provided. **We need volunteers to set up, serve, and clean up.** Please consider [signing up](#) for one or more areas!

Thank you for showing our young people what it means to live out our faith and care for our church family!

*There is **NO** 11 am Worship Service this Sunday.

Our Saviour's Campus Worship

- Saturday: 5 pm Worship Music - Women's Chorale
- Sunday: 9 am Worship Music - Sanctuary Choir, Brass Band, Bach Ringers

Celebration Campus Worship

- Sunday: 10 am Worship Music Celebration Worship Team

Worship in the Weeks Ahead:

- **No worship on Sunday, October 31**, at 5 pm because Halloween falls on that date.
- **Service of Remembrance:** Everyday occurrences can evoke memories of loved ones who have been called home. Some memories bring a small smile; others bring a quiet tear.

For 2026, our annual Service of Remembrance will change. Because Halloween falls on Saturday this year, we will blend the Service of Remembrance with regular worship at **all three worship services on Sunday, November 1**. (Note: There will be **NO** service on Sat. October 31, Halloween.) If a loved one has been called home, we can read their name during the service, and you may have a candle made in their memory. We will light the candle during the service, and you may take it home at the conclusion.

If you would like a candle made for your beloved saint, please email [Alexandra Colaianni](#) by Friday, October 23, with the correct spelling of your loved one's first and last name.

Your loved one's candle will be waiting for you at the altar when you arrive. All are invited to come and remember, whether your loss was recent or several years ago.

- **Anima Singers at Worship:** Sunday, November 8, at 9:00 am, Our Saviour's Campus. Join us for worship and the beautiful voices of [Anima Singers](#), a renowned youth choir committed to helping young people of diverse backgrounds and abilities discover the joy of singing in an inclusive, supportive community. Anima is Latin for "breath," "life," and "soul," a fitting name for a choir that brings music to life through many voices singing together.

Comprehensive Worship Bulletins, including all projected worship content, are available for those with visual or mobility challenges, caregivers, or anyone who prefers a printed copy. Please see an usher if you would like one, *or if you notice someone who may benefit from this accommodation*. As a community, we are committed to caring for one another and creating a worship experience that is *accessible and welcoming* for all.

Online Worship Information: Visit our [YouTube page](#) to watch the livestream, which can be found on the [OSLC Home page](#).

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

God Works...

Through Them.



We are **SO** grateful for **Pastor Brian, Pastor Elisabeth, and Pastor Anna**, and for the many ways they share God's love, offer care and guidance, and help us grow in faith. Their leadership and compassion are a gift to Our Saviour's.

We pray for God's continued blessing upon them and for strength and joy in their ministries.

Please take a moment this month to personally thank our pastors for all they do and the difference they make in our faith community!

Upcoming Events

Ways to Get Connected:

- **Women's Ministry Nature Walk:** Saturday, October 24, 9-11 am, Knoch Knolls Park. [Join us](#) for a mindful 1.5-2 mile walk, awe, gratitude, and peace. Meet on the back deck of the Knoch Knolls Nature Center. It's free, but registration is required because space is limited to 30 participants. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking or hiking shoes. Bring a water bottle. Questions? Contact Lisa Griffin at ltgriffin@comcast.net or 630-723-4244.
- **Caregiver's Journey:** Friday, October 30, 9:00 am, Our Saviour's Campus, Bonhoeffer Conference Room.
- **Banned Book Club:** Two boys. A reform school hiding a dark truth. A story that demands to be heard. Join us for *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead, a powerful novel about friendship, injustice, and the cost of looking away. Tuesday, November 17, at 7 pm at the Our Saviour's Campus. *Come ready to share, listen, and consider perspectives beyond your own. You don't have to have read the book to join us!* RSVP and suggest future selections to Kelly Holden at kholden614@yahoo.com.

- **Women's Ministry:** Flower Arranging Class: Friday, December 4, 6:30–8:30 pm, Celebration Campus. Join professional florist Janet Gallagher for a fun evening of creativity and fellowship! Create your own winter floral arrangement with Janet's guidance (\$40; register by November 15) or observe and enjoy the fellowship (\$10; register by December 4). Contact Susan Szymanski at Swan716@comcast.net or 630-605-5119 with any questions. [More details and registration.](#)

Leadership & Organizational Updates



- We are excited to welcome **Katee O'Toole** to the Our Saviour's team as our new **Ministry Support Lead**! Many of you may already know Katee and her family through their many contributions to our church community.

Katee brings extensive administrative and coordination experience and is currently completing her Master of Divinity at Northern Seminary, where her work has focused on accessibility, disability ministry, and pastoral care.

In her new role at Our Saviour's, Katee will coordinate weddings and funerals and support the front office, a role that fits her natural gifts of organization, compassion, and care. She'll work alongside families, pastors, and staff to help make these important moments feel supported and thoughtfully cared for. She begins November 3.

At home, Katee and her husband, Jon, stay busy with their children, Ellery and Leighton, and their two pugs, Oswin and Rosie. When they have time to relax as a family, they might be found watching Doctor Who or gathering around a board game.

We are grateful to have Katee joining our staff and look forward to all the ways God will work through her gifts and ministry at Our Saviour's. Please join us in welcoming Katee to her new role!

- **Council News:** [Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Faith in Action

- **Little Free Pantry:** Thank you for continuing to help keep our Little Free Pantry outside Door #3 stocked for our neighbors! *Supplies are starting to dwindle*, and the fastest-moving items are peanut butter, almond butter, jam, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. If you're able to donate, please leave items on the shelves outside the Bonhoeffer Conference Room at the Our Saviour's Campus. *And if you need something, please help yourself!*
- **SCARCE Repair Fair:** Saturday, October 24, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, SCARCE Education Center, 800 S. Rohlwing Rd. (Route 53), Addison. Bring household items in need of repair and let the experts take a look! Repairs are first-come, first-served. The event is free, though small repair

fees may apply. Cash is encouraged. While you wait, browse the SCARCE-LY Used Books & Records Resale Shop. [Learn more.](#)

- **Moving Up Meal for Loaves & Fishes:** Monday, October 26, 5:00–6:30 pm, 580 Exchange Ct. #1200, Aurora. Help prepare and serve a meal for participants in the “Moving Up” program at Loaves & Fishes, a goal-setting and self-sufficiency program that helps participants build financial stability. If you’re unable to serve that evening, you can drop off food donations at the Our Saviour’s Campus church kitchen, 815 S. Washington Street, between 9:00 am–2:00 pm that day. [Sign up here.](#)
- **Season of Sharing Kickoff:** Sunday, November 1. We’re starting the season with a toilet paper drive for Loaves & Fishes! Last year, we collected more than 6,000 rolls! Think we can beat that this year? Loaves & Fishes serves more than 3,000 families every week, so this simple everyday essential can make a *real* difference. Bring a package or two the next time you’re at church and help us overflow the bins. ***Let’s put God’s love into action!***
- **Sleep Out Saturday:** Saturday, November 7, 4 pm to Sunday, November 8, 10:30 am, St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church, 1313 N Mill St, Naperville. Join us as we partner with Pastor Sarah Swindall and the St. Timothy’s youth group to raise awareness and support families experiencing homelessness. Sign up [here](#).

Bridge Communities

**Support Ignition this SLEEPOUT
November 7 SATURDAY!**

**Please consider donating to help
them reach their fundraising goal
of \$1,000.**

**Drop cardboard boxes
for shelter building by
Mission Corner!**



[Donate Sleep Out Saturday](#)

Material Wellness Month

- **Scam Prevention Presentation:** Wednesday, November 4, at 5:30 pm, Our Saviour’s Campus, Classroom 1 (formerly the Advent Room). Join the Naperville Police Department for a presentation to learn practical ways to recognize and prevent scams, protect yourself and loved ones, and bring your questions. Congregation and community members are invited to attend.
- **Faith, Money, and the Common Good:** Sunday, November 8, at 10 am, Our Saviour’s Campus. Teresa Thompson will lead the first conversation in our new Gratitude in Action: Love Made Practical speaker series, offered in connection with *Dialogues in Faith*.

- **Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs):** *Giving with Purpose:* Sunday, November 15, at 10:00 am, Our Saviour's Campus, Fellowship Hall. Join Thrivent to learn how Qualified Charitable Distributions may offer tax benefits while supporting the causes you care about. This presentation invites us to explore thoughtful ways to put gratitude into action.

Questions? Contact Alexandra at [\(312\) 576-9421](tel:(312)576-9421) or alexandracolaianne@oursaviours.com.

Building Beds for Kids

Gratitude in Action. Love Made Practical.

Every child deserves a safe, comfortable place to sleep. Join the Wellness Ministry for a [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#) (SHP) *Bed Build* as we put **November's Material Wellness** theme into action. To learn more, [watch](#) the SHP Impact Video.

Two hours of your time can help provide a child with a bed of their own!

We'll gather at 7:45 am at Our Saviour's Campus for coffee and donuts, then carpool to the indoor build in Tinley Park, about 40 minutes away.

When: Saturday, November 7, 2026

Meet: 7:45 am at Our Saviour's Campus

815 S. Washington St., Naperville, IL 60540

Planned return: Around 12 pm

Our church's volunteer shift: 9–11 am

Build location: Lippert Corporation's indoor distribution facility, 18801 South Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park

[Register here](#)

OSLC event leaders: Kelly Cassity & David Thomas

Questions? Contact Alexandra at [\(312\) 576-9421](tel:(312)576-9421) or alexandracolaianne@oursaviours.com.

Stories & Celebrations

- **Labyrinth Update:** Have you seen the Labyrinth taking shape at our Celebration Campus? There's a lot of creativity, hard work, and dedication going into this exciting addition, thanks to Debi and Marty Kermeen! If you haven't had a chance to see it in progress, here's a little more about the people and work behind it.

Work on the Labyrinth has made great progress, though unexpected rain and cold temperatures last week created some setbacks. Debi and Marty have adapted by building a warming dome to help the materials set properly, and with warmer, drier weather this week, they're hopeful for a strong finish.

Please keep this project and the dedicated team in your prayers! Stay tuned for more updates and interesting "Did You Know?" facts about the Labyrinth. In the meantime, feel free to check out their [website](#) to learn more.

- **Family Bingo Night!** Nearly 50 people of all ages joined the Stewardship and Endowment Committee for a fun-filled Bingo Night celebrating this year's stewardship theme, God Works. Between pizza, traditional and Our Saviour's-themed Bingo, LUCKIEST LUTHERAN trophies, and exciting raffle prizes, there was plenty of friendly competition and laughter!

Pastor Brian also shared a reflection on how regular giving and generosity support our congregation's life and ministry. From restaurant gift cards and movie tickets to choosing worship songs or reserving a row for Christmas Eve, the prizes added to the fun. Those who submitted their 2027 pledge before or during the event also received extra raffle tickets as a thank-you.

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and helped make the evening such a success. God works through our generosity, our service, and our community, and sometimes through a little friendly Bingo competition, too! *(Contributed by Lee Ann Nasman)*

- **CROP Walk:** The CROP Walk for Hunger last Sunday was a wonderful opportunity to come together with people from across our community. Participants walked the 3.1-mile route, met new friends from other local congregations, and helped pack taco meals for Loaves & Fishes at the conclusion of the walk.

It was interesting to learn that the CROP Walk is one of the largest ecumenical gatherings in Naperville and has such a long history. The experience was a meaningful reminder of how many people around the world, and even within our own communities, struggle with food insecurity and hunger. It was a powerful way to walk together, serve together, and remember that our efforts can make a difference. *(Contributed by Michele Larson)*

NAPERVILLE CROP WALK FOR HUNGER



THANKFUL FOR EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED!

Stewardship 2027

God Works in the Word. God Works in Us. God Works in the World.

This year's theme reminds us that God is at work in our worship, relationships, service, and care for our neighbors. Through our time, gifts, and generosity, we get to be part of that work.

Visit our Stewardship [page](#) to read Pastor Brian and the Stewardship Committee's letter, reflect on all that God is doing at Our Saviour's, and imagine what we can do together in the year ahead. As you prayerfully consider your commitment, thank you for being part of our church family and helping God's work continue to unfold.

[2027 Pledge Campaign](#)

Celebration Children's Center

Early Registration



There's so much to discover, grow, and celebrate at Celebration Children's Center!

From raising butterflies to watching them take flight, our preschoolers learn through hands-on experiences, caring relationships, and plenty of opportunities to explore and play.

Early registration for the 2027-2028 school year begins Monday, November 16, ***for Our Saviour's Church members***. If you have a child ages 2-5, we'd love to show you what makes our preschool special. Call 630-281-4300 to schedule a tour and learn more about our program and curriculum.

Our Saviour's members may drop off registration forms at the preschool office (Door #8 at Celebration) between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm beginning November 16.

Community registration begins Monday, November 30, and *spots fill quickly*.

Ready to learn more?

Email Kelly at KellyGilligan@OurSaviours.com for registration materials or to schedule a tour, or visit www.celebrationchildrenscenter.com.

Come learn, play, grow, and make memories with us!

Comfort & Connection



Grief Around the Holidays

The holidays can be a difficult time when we are grieving the loss of someone we love. Traditions that once brought joy may feel different, familiar gatherings may bring unexpected sadness, and we may wonder how to navigate a season filled with memories and emotions.

Yet even in grief, there can be room for connection, comfort, and moments of joy. We don't have to forget the people we love to celebrate the holidays, and we don't have to do everything the way we always have. Sometimes, giving ourselves permission to change traditions, honor memories in new ways, and ask for support can make the season a little more manageable.

Please join **Pastor Elisabeth** and Our Saviour's member and grief therapist **Sue Harvey, LCSW, ACHP-SW, CT, FT**, for **Grief Around the Holidays**, a supportive presentation and question-and-answer session exploring practical ways to care for ourselves and one another during the holiday season after a loss.

Together, we'll consider ways to honor loved ones, navigate difficult moments, adapt holiday traditions, and make space for both sadness and joy.

Each participant will receive a complimentary resource booklet from [What's Your Grief](#), filled with practical suggestions for coping with grief during the holidays.

Sunday, November 8 | 2:00–4:00 pm

Our Saviour's Main Campus | Fellowship Hall

This event is open to the public and sponsored by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home**.

[Registration](#) is required, and space is limited to 100 participants. Refreshments will be served.

There is no right or wrong way to grieve through the holidays. Come as you are, and find support for the season ahead.

Community Connections

Job Search Workshops for Adults 50+: Two free workshops are available this month for job seekers ages 50 and older:

- **Let's Talk Job Search:** Friday, October 30, 9:30-11:30 am, workNet DuPage, 2525 Cabot Drive, Unit 302, Lisle. Learn strategies for navigating the job search with confidence and purpose. [Register at workNet DuPage](#)
- **Coffee and Confidence:** A relaxed conversation about ageism, confidence, and reframing your story while job searching. Registration is required by emailing ec@peoplesrc.org. People's Resource Center, 201 S. Naperville Road, Wheaton.

For additional job assistance, visit [211 DuPage Employment Resources](#).

Highlights Gallery Tab

Not on Social Media? No problem!

Come here to find the latest photo and video recaps.

- [Highlights Gallery](#): Everything you want to see--all in one place! (*God at Work, Pastor Moments, Seen and Celebrated, and Impact Talks!*) Autumn Blessings, Weekend Recap (Bingo, Children's Music & CROP Walk), Pastor Brian's Sermon Clip, and Sleep in Heavenly Peace Impact Talk.

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