

# Weekly Connections

September 25, 2026

## Join us this weekend!

- **Gospel Reading:** [Matthew 21: 23-32](#)
- **Saturday:** 5 pm at Our Saviour's Campus - Women's Chorale
- **Sunday:** 9 am at Our Saviour's Campus - Sanctuary Choir & Bach Ringers
- **Sunday:** 11 am at Our Saviour's Campus - Bach Ringers, Children's Choir, Saxophone Ensemble
- **Sunday:** 10 am at Celebration Campus

For livestreamed and recorded worship services, visit our YouTube [page](#). All worship information, including the weekend bulletin, is now located on the OSLC [Home](#) page.

Looking for ways to give? Explore our donate [page](#) to support Our Saviour's, our ministries, or our local and global mission partners.

**God works through the gifts we share.** We are blessed to have so many volunteers assisting in worship. If you have volunteered during worship as an assisting minister, cantor, coffee host, tech booth volunteer, reader, altar guild member, usher, communion assistant, prayer minister, visual arts volunteer, or set-up volunteer, we want to say a big thank you!

As God continues to work in us, we are called to be active participants in worship. If you feel called, we encourage you to explore the many opportunities to share your gifts! Join [The Crew](#). Join when you can, and serve where it fits.

## Mark Your Calendars:

- **One Sunday Worship Service & Pet Blessing:** Sunday, October 4, 10:00 am at the Celebration Campus. New staff installation: Pastor Anna Roper, Matthew Felbein, and Kevin Andrews. Following worship, we will have a coffee meet-and-greet with all OSLC staff. *(Saturday worship will be at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary).*

## Ways to Get Connected:

- **Join the Celebration Music Team:** There's always room for another voice or instrument! *Rehearsals are now on Mondays from 7-8:30 pm, at the Celebration Campus.* Bring your voice, your instrument, and your love of music!
- **Women's Ministry Fall Kickoff: Meet Me at Mahjong:** Friday, September 25, 6:30-9:00 pm, Our Saviour's Campus, Fellowship Hall. \$30 registration due Monday, September 21. Scholarships available. [Registration](#) & more information on our [webpage](#).
- **Taste of Mozambique Gratitude Dinner:** Sunday, September 27, 5 pm, Fellowship Hall. A thank you for supporting this summer's mission trip to visit our partners in Chimoio! Please join the accompaniment team for stories, food, and fellowship to hear more about the trip and how God is at work through this mission.
- **Active Seniors:** Monday, September 28, at 11:30 am, Raymes Steak & Fish House in Lisle. RSVP to the church office.

- **Senior Lunch:** Monday, October 5, Noon, Our Saviour's Campus, Fellowship Hall. RSVP to the church office.
- **Vaccine Clinic:** Tuesday, October 6, 9 am - 11 am, Our Saviour's Campus, Bonhoeffer Conference Room. No registration required. Flu, Covid, Shingles, and Pneumonia vaccine shots offered.
- **Chili Cook-Off:** Wednesday, October 7, 5:30-6:30 pm, Our Saviour's Campus, Fellowship Hall. Join us for a delicious *fundraiser supporting Ignition High School Youth* as they prepare for the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering. Want to enter your chili? Sign up [here](#). Questions? Contact Pastor Elisabeth or Brittany Sheldon.
- **Banned Book Club:** Join the conversation about banned, challenged, and eye-opening novels. Upcoming discussions: *Martyr!* by Kaveh Akbar, Wednesday, October 7, 7 pm; and *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead, Tuesday, November 17, 7 pm. Both meet at the Our Saviour's Campus. You don't have to have read the book to join the conversation. RSVP and share future book selections with Kelly Holden at [kholden614@yahoo.com](mailto:kholden614@yahoo.com).
- **Dusek School Coffee and Chocolate Sales:** Weekend of October 10-11, both campuses and all services.
- **Room4Both Kick-Off Meeting:** Monday, October 12, 7 pm-8:30 pm. This small group brings together adults in the LGBTQIA+ Community from across DuPage and Will counties who are exploring how faith and spirituality shape our lives, identities, and experiences, including our experiences of queerness. We come from different faith traditions and places along the spiritual spectrum, creating space to share, question, listen, and grow together. (*Meets the 2nd Monday of each month.*) Location varies; please contact [Tracy Jackway](#) for more information
- **Mozambique Mission Mixer:** Monday, October 12, 7:00 pm, Classroom 1, Our Saviour's Campus. Come for wine, cheese, and a taste of the mission! *Whether you're a current team member or thinking about joining, you're invited.* Come hear what's happening in Chimoio, meet others connected to the mission, and imagine where God might be calling you to be part of the story. New faces especially welcome! More information: Susan Ferguson, [susandferguson@comcast.net](mailto:susandferguson@comcast.net)
- **Christmas Cantata 2026: A Promise Fulfilled:** Practices begin Wednesday, October 14, 6:45 pm at the Our Saviour's Campus. [Schedule](#) for rehearsals and performance.
- **Family Bingo & Stewardship: God Works, We Play!** Friday, October 16, 6-8 pm, Our Saviour's Campus, Fellowship Hall. Bring the whole family and join us for a fun evening together with bingo, pizza, drinks, raffle prizes, and plenty of laughs! Complete your 2027 Stewardship card and receive extra raffle tickets. Come enjoy some time together as a church family! [Register](#) today!

## Community Connections:

- **Repair Fair:** Saturday, September 26, 9 am-noon, St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 1313 N. Mill St., Naperville. Bring broken household items and favorite treasures for free, first-come, first-served repairs by skilled volunteers. Some repairs may have a small fee. [Learn more about items and services.](#)
- **NAMI DuPage Living Room:** Beginning Thursday, October 1, NAMI DuPage's Living Room will offer 24/7 peer-led mental health crisis support for adults 18 and older. Services are free, and walk-ins are welcome at 117 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton. [Learn more](#)

## Leadership & Organizational Updates:

- We are looking to fill this part-time Ministry Support Lead role. This position supports our wedding and funeral ministries, front office, care teams, and special events. We're looking for someone who enjoys helping people, has strong communication and organizational skills, and brings warmth and compassion to important moments in people's lives. Interested in learning more? Check out the complete job description [here](#). If you have gifts for hospitality, organization, communication, and care, we'd love to hear from you. For more information or to apply, contact Jean Jepson at [jeanjepson@oursaviours.com](mailto:jeanjepson@oursaviours.com).

## 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!

- **CROP Hunger Walk:** Sunday, October 18. Join our SALT 4th and 5th graders as they walk with Our Saviour's to help fight hunger in our community and around the world. Bring your family, invite a friend, and come walk together as we support Loaves and Fishes and the Northern Illinois Food Bank. [Join](#) the Our Saviour's Team.

## God Works: Stories & Celebrations:

- We had a fantastic raffle this year and raised **\$595** for BabyCare! A huge thank-you to **Allison Ramsey** for donating the stroller, a very popular prize, and to **Kari Shatzer, Lin Schollmeyer, and Linda Sosnowski's neighbor** for the beautiful handmade quilts. And thank you to everyone who sold raffle tickets and to all who purchased them. *Your generosity and support make this ministry possible!*
- Another 5 boxes of **recycling** from church have been taken to **SCARCE!** A big box of crayons, 2 boxes of Christmas lights, a big box of glasses, and some bread tags, keys & inkjet cartridges. Great job, church! Let's keep caring for creation together!
- **[WATCH THIS SPECIAL THANK YOU VIDEO:](#)** Created by one of our friends from Slovakia--Alex! He captured more than just a trip. In this heartfelt recap, revisit the faces, friendships, gratitude, and love that made this time with our friends from Slovakia so meaningful!

## CYFM & Midweek Meetup NEWS

- **Never too late to join in [Midweek Meetup](#)!** Sanctuary Choir, Children's Music Ensemble, small groups, youth programming. Come when you can. Stay as long as you're able. Make Wednesday nights part of your weekly rhythm, or drop in when it works for you. Come and see. We'd love to spend a Wednesday with you.
- **Never too late to join in any of our youth programs!** Registration is available on our CYFM [webpage](#) for all grade levels.
- **Wednesday nights take a lot of helping hands!** If you're able to pitch in, check out the Midweek Meetup [page](#) to see the volunteer opportunities available and find a way to get involved.

## September Emotional Wellness

September is Emotional Wellness Month at Our Savior's. This year's theme is "Anchored in Hope: Healthy Ways to Weather Life's Storms."

Emotional wellness does not mean feeling happy all the time. It means noticing what we are carrying, responding to ourselves and others with compassion, practicing healthy coping strategies, and reaching out for support when life feels heavy.

Throughout the month, we will explore simple practices that can help us pause, rest, reconnect with what grounds us, and remember that we do not have to face difficult seasons alone. Visit the Wellness Ministry displays at both campuses to find practical tools and encouragement to support your emotional well-being.

Jesus invites us, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." — Matthew 11:28

Learn about what a [Sacred Pause](#) is from OSLC member Sue Harvey, Clinical Social Work/Therapist, LCSW, CT, FT, ACHP-SW. And see how some other OSLC folks take their own sacred pause.

## Seeking Seminary Candidates

Our Saviour's offers scholarships to students pursuing opportunities to serve Christ in the church and the world through their education.

Are you a student who may qualify? Apply yourself or share this opportunity with someone you know who is pursuing a college, graduate, or seminary degree.

Applications are due October 1, 2026.

Ready to apply? View the scholarship application and requirements [here](#).

## Grounded Resistance: Environment & Spirituality Summit

We're excited to announce that **Our Saviour's will be a host site for Faith in Place's 2026 Annual Environment & Spirituality Summit!**

On **Tuesday, September 29, at 5:30 pm**, we'll gather here at the Our Saviour's Campus to watch the Summit's keynote address live via Zoom, featuring renowned author, educator, environmentalist, and activist **Bill McKibben**.

The Summit's theme, **Grounded Resistance**, invites people of faith to explore how deep grounding, collective support, and sustained action can help us respond to the climate crisis and work toward environmental justice.

While Faith in Place is organizing the Summit, *hosting is one way we live out our commitment to caring for God's creation*. As Lutherans, we are part of a church that has long called us to care for creation and pursue justice for our neighbors and the world we share. Our commitment to being a Reconciling in Christ community also calls us to connect faith with justice, inclusion, and care for the world around us.

*Come be part of this exciting opportunity to gather with others, listen, learn, and consider what grounded action can look like in our own community.* Free, but [registration](#) is required.

## Welcome New Member

Ellen Harrington-Kane



We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Ellen. She moved back to Naperville from Nebraska in March to be closer to her son and his family, and brought her 15-year-old beagle, Dexter, along with her. After attending Our Saviour's for a couple of months, Ellen says she loves the church's mission and vision and felt welcomed from her very first visit. If you haven't had a chance to meet Ellen yet, we're sure you will soon, as she's also volunteered to serve as a host at the Welcome Desk.

Ellen loves a good road trip through the National Parks and has visited all 50 states. She's now working her way through as many National Parks as she can, with Dexter even joining her for a trip to Utah last year. She's an avid reader and enjoys painting, colored pencils, jewelry making, and other creative projects; she also collects Native American art. We're glad she's here!

## 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!*) **NEW:** Pastor Elle Dowd Sermon Clip, [WATCH THIS SPECIAL THANK YOU VIDEO](#): Created by one of our friends from Slovakia--Alex! He captured more than just a trip. In this heartfelt recap, revisit the faces, friendships, gratitude, and love that made this time with our friends from Slovakia so meaningful!

### Council News:

- [Council Meeting Minutes](#)

**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.

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