

Lutheran Church
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Weekly Connections

September 4, 2026

Worship & Gospel Reading this Weekend:

- [Matthew 16:21- 28](#)
- As we wrap up **Vocational Wellness Month**, we'll celebrate the many ways God calls us to use our gifts, passions, work, and everyday activities to serve others. Bring a small object or symbol to worship this weekend representing something you do or a role you hold, and we'll offer these symbols as a reminder that *God Works Through Us* in all kinds of ways.
- **One Worship Service & Pet Blessing:** Sunday, October 4, 10:00-11:00 am at the Celebration Campus.

Ways to Get Connected: *Additional information on our [News and Events](#) page.*

- **Moms in Faith Kick-Off:** Tuesday, September 8, 9-11 am, Gathering Room
- **Midweek Meetup Officially Begins:** Wednesday, September 9. It's never too late to find your way to [connect](#).
- **God Works, Fall Small Groups Kick-Off:** Week of September 13. You are invited to come and see! [Sign up](#) today!
- **Wonderfully Wired Families:** Sunday, September 13, 12 pm. A faith-rooted peer support community for families raising neurodivergent children, offering encouragement and connection. Meets the second Sunday of each month. Contact Alexandra Colaianni at alexandracolaianni@oursaviours.com to learn more.
- **Senior Lunch Kick-Off:** Monday, September 14, Noon, Our Saviour's Campus, Fellowship Hall. RSVP the church office at 630-355-2522.
- **Weekly Games Kick-Off:** Starting Tuesday, September 15, 2-4 pm
- **Bible Study:** Wednesdays, beginning September 16, 9:30-11:30 am. Explore how Scripture speaks to our lives today as we read *Ten Men of the Bible: How God Used Imperfect People to Change the World*. Our Saviour's Campus, Classroom 1. Questions? Contact Linda Sosnowski at lindabeeste@gmail.com.
- **Bible Journaling Kick-Off:** Monday, September 21, featuring Bonhoeffer. Meets the third Monday of each month.
- **Caregiver's Journey:** Friday, September 25, 9 am, Bonhoeffer Conference Room, Our Saviour's Campus. A supportive space for those caring for a loved one. Meets the last Friday of each month. Questions? Contact Lin Schollmeyer at lschollm@att.net.
- **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:** 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

Community Connections:

- **Speaking Grief Event:** Wednesday, September 9, 6:30 pm -8:30 pm, 95th Street Library, Naperville. A film and discussion for those grieving, supporting someone who is grieving, or wanting to learn how to support others. Facilitated by grief therapist Sue Harvey, LCSW. Registration required. [Sign up here](#)
- **Pet Loss Grief Support Group:** First Saturday of each month, 1:30-2:30 pm, DuPage County Animal Services, 2255 Manchester Road, Wheaton. A compassionate space to share memories and connect with others who understand pet loss. Free, but registration is required. Email cindyshealingheart@outlook.com to reserve a seat.
- **Hear Bishop Wayne Miller with the World Doctors' Orchestra:** Friday, September 11, Wentz Hall and Saturday, September 12, at Harris Theater in Chicago. Both at 7 pm. Bishop Miller will serve as narrator for Aaron Copland's *Lincoln Portrait* with the World Doctors' Orchestra. The World Doctors' Orchestra brings physicians from around the world together to make music and raise funds for medical charities. [Click](#) for tickets and more information.
- **Healthy, Wealthy & Wise Senior Conference:** Friday, September 11, 9 am-noon, Naperville Municipal Center. Learn about protecting yourself from scams and reducing your risk for dementia. Free admission, blood pressure screenings and boxed lunch included. Registration required. [Register & learn more](#)

Leadership & Organizational Updates:

- **Front Office Hours:** As of Tuesday, Sept. 8, office hours will be Monday - Thursday, 9 am to 2 pm; closed Fridays.

Faith in Action:

- **BabyCare Raffle:** Tickets will be sold at the Our Saviour's Campus on September 6 and 13. \$5/ticket and \$20/5 tickets. The drawing will take place on September 13.
- **Blood Drive:** Tuesday, September 8, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, Our Saviour's Campus. Register [here](#).
- **God's Work, Our Hands Baby Kit Assembly Sunday:** Sunday, September 13 from 8:30 am–1 pm, Our Saviour's Campus, Fellowship Hall.
- **Mozambique Pie Slice Sale:** September 19-20
- **Nepal Flooding:** Devastating flash floods have affected communities across Nepal and Tibet. We invite you to pray, share, and respond. Lutheran Disaster Response is working through trusted partners to accompany communities through immediate response and long-term recovery. If you are able, please consider making a gift through our Lutheran Disaster Response Realm [page](#) and select Nepal from the designation dropdown.

God Works, Stories and Celebrations:

- Have you been wondering about this banner hanging in the sanctuary? Read Jan Dusek's reflection [here](#).

Exciting News from Caring for Creation

The Caring for Creation (C4C) team has been looking for practical ways we can care for God's creation in our everyday lives, and they've found a great opportunity to share with the OSLC community.

C4C has connected us with [The Urban Canopy](#), a Chicago-area organization working to create a more sustainable and equitable local food system. Their work connects the whole food cycle, from growing and distributing food to collecting food scraps and turning them into nutrient-rich compost.

And this isn't just something we're inviting you to try. **OSLC has signed up to participate in the Urban Canopy program, too!**

Now, you can be part of that cycle right from home.

Urban Canopy will pick up your food scraps year-round and provide a clean, lined bucket with each pickup. **When you sign up through OSLC's Urban Canopy [link](#), you'll receive a \$50 credit, and OSLC will receive a \$50 credit, too.** *You can also receive free finished compost for your garden or houseplants.*

It's a simple way to turn something we usually throw away into something that gives back to the soil while joining OSLC in a practical way to care for creation.

Learn more about the program, find the OSLC sign-up link, and join us through our [webpage](#).

Labyrinth Update

Contributed by: Mark Witt

We wanted to share some exciting news regarding the Labyrinth and its upcoming installation!

As you may recall, through your generosity, we successfully raised the necessary funds to add the Labyrinth to the Prayer Garden at the Celebration Campus. Before installation could begin, we needed to complete a few repairs to the concrete pad where the Labyrinth will rest. That repair work is scheduled to be finished within the next few days.

Once the pad is ready, the installation team will begin their work. We project that the Labyrinth will be fully completed by mid-September.

We are thrilled to soon offer this inspiring space dedicated to prayer, remembrance, and healing. Thank you once again to everyone who generously supported this mission. Together, we have created a restorative place that will benefit our community for years to come!

CYFM & Midweek Meetup NEWS

- **Pre-K-5th Grade Sunday School (now called "Daily Bread"):** Regular schedule begins Sept. 13.
- **Midweek Meetup Preview Night** was a hit! Check out the [video](#) in the *Seen and Celebrated* section. It felt so good to be together again! We gathered around tables filled with pizza, snacks, and plenty of joy, welcomed new mentors and familiar faces, and got to know Kevin, our new Midweek Meetup Host Extraordinaire. We prayed together, shared the Lord's Prayer, and then let the evening unfold with prayer stations, youth activities, laughter, and lots of reconnecting. After three months away, it was a reminder of just how much these Wednesday nights can mean: a chance to connect, breathe, laugh, and simply be together.
- **Next week**, Wednesday, September 9, [Midweek Meetup](#) **officially begins!** Sanctuary Choir, Children's Music Ensemble, small groups, youth programming, and more will all be underway. 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.

ALL youth program 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.

GOD WORKS IN THE WORD

Kick-Off Week Sept.13!

This fall, spend six weeks exploring the Gospel of Matthew through the lectionary texts and discovering how **God works in the Word** through small group conversation, relationship, and study.

Each week, groups will reflect on the appointed Scripture and connect it to Jesus' teachings in the Sermon on the Mount, beginning with the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12).

Small groups vary in age, stage, and format, including in-person and Zoom options. No expertise needed. Just bring your Bible and your curiosity!

Groups include: Sundays at 10 am with Craig & Susan Pynn; Wednesdays at 6:30 pm with Todd Peterson's Men's Wellness Group and Surge Confirmation; Thursdays at 10 am with Susan Hanford; Fridays at 8:30 am on Zoom with Susan Pynn's Lectio divina group; plus additional groups forming on Sundays and other days/times.

[Sign up](#) and find a group that works for you.

Seeking Seminary Candidates

Endowment Fund Scholarship

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](#).



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[Highlights Gallery](#): Everything you want to see--all in one place! (*God at Work, Pastor Moments, Seen and Celebrated, and Impact Talks!*) **NEW:** MWM Preview Night

Weekend Worship

Our Saviour's Campus

- Saturday: 5 pm
- Sunday: 9 am and 11 am

Celebration Campus6

- Sunday: 10 am

For livestreamed and recorded worship services, click [HERE](#).

***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.

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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