

# Weekly Connections

June 9-16, 2019

Lutheran Church  
**OUR SAVIOURS**

## Congratulations to All! Baby News is Here!



Pastor Brian, Mandy and big brother Wesley are excited to announce that Gia Georgette Wise was born at 4:40pm on Monday, June 3. *"Mandy is doing well and we are so thrilled to welcome G.G. into our family! She weighs 8 pounds, 1 ounce and is 19.5 inches long! Gia means 'God is gracious' and we are already so blessed to have her in our lives,"* Pastor Brian said.

Pastor John and Ruth are excited to announce that grandson William David Gerike was born May 25, 11:18 pm. 7 pounds, 3 ounces. *"Everyone is doing well. Anna loves being a big sister!"* Pastor John said.



Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. By the power of the Spirit we have seen the face of God in Jesus and been saved by him. We hear the story of how the Spirit is on the loose, now active in the church and world in new ways everyday. Jesus called the Holy Spirit the Advocate, one who travels alongside us to guide our hearts and actions into God's purpose. We celebrate that we always have God with us, guiding us!

# Pentecost

## [Membership at Our Saviour's, All are Welcome](#)

Join Pastor Emily at the New Member Gathering on Sunday, June 9, at 11:45am, Our Saviour's Campus.

## [Annual Information Meetings](#)

The Annual Meeting is Saturday, June 15, at 6:00pm.

Informational forums will be held:

Sunday, June 9: 9:00am at Our Saviour's Campus

Sunday, June 9: 11:00am at Celebration Campus

Thursday, June 13: 7:00pm at Our Saviour's Campus

Voting on the budget and nominating committee can be done at any of the informational forums or after worship services on June 15 and 16.

## [Eagle's Wings Homecoming Concert!](#)

Join Eagle's Wings and welcome them home from their New York Ministry Tour, at their homecoming concert on Friday, June 14, at 7:00pm at the Our Saviour's Campus. All are welcome!

## [Dialogues in Faith - Planning for Dialogues in the Future!](#)

Now that summer is finally here, we hope you're enjoying the sunshine, taking time for vacation and having fun.

This is also the time when the Dialogues in Faith Planning Committee is shaping the schedule of topics for the coming year, beginning in September.

We always take time at the end of the Spring session to gather feedback from those who regularly attend DIF, but we would also like to hear from the larger congregation. What questions surface as you're sitting in a service? How would you like to grow in your faith/relationship with Christ? Would you like to know more about other faiths?

If there are topics/questions you would like us to consider, please forward them to Fran Huff, [franmhuff@gmail.com](mailto:franmhuff@gmail.com), or Andrea Field, [adfield07@gmail.com](mailto:adfield07@gmail.com). Interested in joining the planning committee? Please come to the next meeting on Monday, July 1, at 5:00pm in the Bonhoeffer Room, Our Saviour's.

## [Coming in July: Pet Blessings!](#)

You and your pets are invited to a special outdoor worship service on July 14 at 10:00am at the Celebration Campus. All pets are welcome! As part of the worship service, we will lift up God's love for all of creation and have a special blessing for all pets. (Weather permitting the service will be outside, otherwise the service will be in the gym).

## [Pastor Emily wants YOU to join her and Ruth Nelson on a trip to the Holy Land! January 13-26, 2020](#)

Travel to Jesus' boyhood home of Nazareth, visit the ancient synagogue and St. Peter's House at Capernaum, and see the actual caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. The itinerary includes visiting many other sites throughout Bethlehem, Galilee and Jerusalem.

To learn more about this exciting trip, we will hold an informational meetings in the Bonhoeffer Conference Room at the Our Saviour's Campus on:

- Wednesday, July 24, at 7:00pm, or
- Sunday, July 28, at 10:30am.

Questions? Contact Pastor Emily at 630-281-4233 or [pastoremily@oursaviours](mailto:pastoremily@oursaviours), or Ruth Nelson at [ruth.nelson@icloud.com](mailto:ruth.nelson@icloud.com).

## [Women's Bible Study](#)

Are you looking for an opportunity to get to know other women and study Scripture? Join us every other Monday (June 17 and beyond) from 7:00pm - 8:30pm for a new Women's Bible Study small group as we gather to study the book of Ruth. Location at Braconi's (796 Royal St. George Dr., Naperville). Questions? Contact Pastor Emily

## [Meal Ministry](#)

**Receiving Meals:** Are you adding a new member to your family, scheduled for surgery, or suffering an illness or a death in the family? Please let us know. We would love to minister to you and your family through prayer, encouragement, and preparing a meal. When you or someone in our church has a need please email us at [meals@oursaviours.com](mailto:meals@oursaviours.com).

**Joining the Meal Ministry Team:** Would you like to help with meals? Would you like to be part of blessing a family? If yes, we would love to have you on the Meal Ministry Team. Signing up for the Meal Ministry does not obligate you to make a meal but will add you to the Meal Ministry email list. You will be notified as needs arrive, and you can choose to provide a meal at a time that is convenient to you. If you would like to join, please email us at [meals@oursaviours.com](mailto:meals@oursaviours.com).

## [Bridge Communities: A Chair Affair.](#)

**June 13, 6:00pm-9:00pm at Hotel Indigo, Naperville**

Vote for Jan Dusek's entry this year. The chairs with the most votes will get placed in a live auction to benefit **Bridge Communities**, an organization that brings housing and hope to homeless families in DuPage County. Good Luck to Jan Dusek!

## Welcome to the Flock!

Hey all incoming 6th graders! This summer, you're invited to check out **Surge**, the confirmation program, by attending the Jr. High Summer hang-outs! Meet other youth and mentors before Surge starts this fall. Let your grandchildren, friends, and neighbors know too!



- Bowling! June 20th 2:00-4:00 pm at Bowlero in Naperville. Cost is \$10 for bowling and arcade games.
- Lion King! July 19th. More information coming soon.

**Surge Registration coming soon.** Questions? Please contact Stephanie Engel at [stephanieengel@oursaviours.com](mailto:stephanieengel@oursaviours.com) or 630-355-4222.

## Parents Day Out Fall Openings:

Celebration Children's Center has fall openings in our Friday Parents Day Out (PDO) program for two-year-olds. Do you have a two-year-old that you would like to share with us? We would love to give you a tour and tell you all about our PDO program. It is a great opportunity for your child to gain independence and confidence as they strengthen social skills with peers and just have a great time at school! Call the preschool office today at (630) 281-4300 or email Kelly with questions or to set up a tour. [kellygilligan@oursaviours.com](mailto:kellygilligan@oursaviours.com). Come learn and play with us!

## Our Saviour's Endowment Fund

Weekly giving keeps our church humming. But what if we had a fund that would allow us to do extraordinary things or support our mission in new ways. We do have that fund. It's our Endowment Fund, and planned gifts - often made in wills or estate plans - allow our church to thrive in incredible ways. For more information about how our Endowment Fund works, contact Jean Jepson at [JeanJepson@oursaviours.com](mailto:JeanJepson@oursaviours.com) or 630-281-4225.



## Welcome, Greg Norgaard, Church Facilities Manager!

We'd like to give a warm welcome to Greg Norgaard, our new Facilities Manager. You may already know Greg and his family – he and his wife, Janine, have been members of Our Saviour's over the past 21 years. Greg will manage both campus facilities, ensuring the properties are welcoming, safe and clean. Greg's training as an engineer, and his experience managing people, projects and facilities, will prove valuable in his new position. "I thoroughly enjoy working with people at all levels (co-workers, contractors, regulators and the general public) and feel that this background will serve me well in this role," Greg said.



When Greg and Janine got married at Our Saviour's on July 12, 1980, it was 98 degrees and the church had no air conditioning. "That has helped fuel my passion for maintaining a comfortable indoor worship environment," Greg said.

Greg looks forward to serving as Facilities Manager. "It allows me the opportunity to give back to the church that has given my family so much over the years," he said. "Our Saviour's has positively impacted us in several ways. Most significantly, it has taught us the meaning and value of community (one body)."

**Refugee Items Needed:** crib, girls' clothing (size 4, 5, 6), and boys' clothing (size 18 months – 2 yrs). Contact Anne Wentz at 630-961-3961 or [annecwentz@wideopenwest.com](mailto:annecwentz@wideopenwest.com).

**Take Time to Talk Tech!** Take time to talk tech with Chris Brown and come learn about running the soundboard and more. Families are welcome to learn together or students. Contact Chris at [chrisbrown@oursaviours.com](mailto:chrisbrown@oursaviours.com).

## Prayers:

Sara Gmitro and Nancy Gmitro, Judy Healy, Gary Bokelman, Sue Himmelblau and Resa Himmelblau, and Rich Braun. We lift up Pastor Brian and Mandy Wise at the death of her aunt, Joanna Soderstrom (so-der-strum), AND we rejoice with them at the birth of their daughter, Gia Georgette.

**If you have a pastoral emergency after office hours, contact the on-call pastor at (331) 305-4381.**

# Summer Serving and Volunteer Opportunities

All are invited and welcome to serve!

## Hospitality

What does this mean to YOU and Our Saviour's? Whether it's a warm welcoming smile, a greeting at the door or a chance to help with the Sunday Hospitality teams, there are opportunities for you to get involved. Ask [Debbiemontrose@oursaviours.com](mailto:Debbiemontrose@oursaviours.com) for details.

## F3 — Fitness, Fellowship, and Faith

The mission and purpose of F3 is to plant, grow, and serve small workout groups for men for the invigoration of male community leadership. For more information, visit [www.f3naperville.com](http://www.f3naperville.com).

## Music Ministry "One and Done"

This summer the Music Ministries will offer several opportunities for singers to sing and serve without the commitment of an entire year. You are invited to join us for one service or several. Contact Terry Thompson at [terrythompson@oursaviours.com](mailto:terrythompson@oursaviours.com), for more information.

## Baby Care

A ministry team that gathers and packages baby clothing for international and domestic distribution to families in need. There are opportunities to assist with baby care event preparation, sorting, and processing of baby care kits. This is an easy way for children and families to serve together. Questions? Ask at [babycare@oursaviours.com](mailto:babycare@oursaviours.com)

## DuPage PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter)

Volunteers from Our Saviour's work together to provide overnight shelter, meals, showers, hospitality and other support for our guests during July and August. More information about DuPage PADS can be found at: <https://dupagepads.org/>. There are many different opportunities and ways to help serve. Sign up at <http://oursaviours.com/happenings/registration>



## VBS July 15-19

**VBS cannot happen without your help!**

Elementary Crew Leader/Assistant: Guide a small group of elementary students through their experiences during the VBS week! Crew leaders get to sit alongside the kiddos and watch as they become amazed by all of the activities and adventures that VBS ROAR has to offer. Seeking grade 6 and up.

- Preschool Exploration Stations: You will assist our preschoolers as they experience free-play activities and unstructured discovery time. Seeking a high school student or adult.
- Preschool Bible Adventures: Help our preschoolers transcend to Bible times by leading interactive Bible stories that get them involved and into the story. Seeking a high school student or adult.
- We are also in need of station assistants (grade 6 and up) for all of the stations listed above.
- **We will be collecting empty paper towel and empty toilet paper rolls for VBS. Look for the collection boxes at both campuses at the welcome desks!**

Please register to volunteer at [tinyurl.com/OSLCROAR](http://tinyurl.com/OSLCROAR)  
Contact Marcy Andersen at [marcyandersen@oursaviours.com](mailto:marcyandersen@oursaviours.com).

## Find Your Career Fit — Young Adults

**Sunday, July 14, 3:00-6:00pm, Celebration Campus**

Incoming high school seniors and college students are invited to learn more about themselves and explore their future careers.

In this class, we will discuss your interests, abilities, values and personality. When you put these components together, you will better understand what to look for in a college major or future career. In this class, we will use a workbook and group discussion to explore these topics in more detail.

\$15.00 per person includes workbook and light dinner. To register or get more information please contact: Suzanne Troy: [suzanne@thetroyhome.com](mailto:suzanne@thetroyhome.com) or Chris Svab: [jcasvab@hotmail.com](mailto:jcasvab@hotmail.com).

Please RSVP by June 25.