

Weekly Connections

November 11- 18, 2018

Lutheran Church
OUR SAVIOURS



Sing Christmas Concert 2018!

Sunday, December 2

3:00pm and 5:00pm.

Kick off your holidays, bring your family and friends and come to this year's Cantata, Sing Christmas by Joel Raney and Mary McDonald.

All singers are invited to sing in the choir. Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7:30pm-8:30pm. Additional Saturday rehearsals: November 17, 9:00-11:00am, December 1, 10:00am - noon (w/the orchestra). Contact lynnpanosh@oursaviours.com

Thanksgiving Serving Opportunities:

Help decorate the altar:

- Donate pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn, squash, etc.
- Drop off your treasures to the Northside sidewalk outside the altar guild kitchen.
- On Monday, November 19, at 4:00pm, help decorate the altar for the Thanksgiving service.
- On Wednesday, November 21, after the 7:00pm service, help take down decorations.
- Contact Jan Dusek at Jandusek@comcast.net or at (630) 369-4283, (630) 926-3274



Welcome Back Dan Beirne!

Dan will be preaching on Sunday, November 18 at the 8:00am worship service at the Our Saviour's Campus, and the 10:00am service at the Celebration Campus.

Save the Date!!!

Lynn's Panosh Retirement Celebration!

Sunday, December 16, Our Saviour's Campus

There will be a Brunch Potluck Reception at noon in Fellowship Center and a presentation in the Sanctuary at 1:30 pm. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite breakfast casserole and pastries/sweets to share after the 10:30am service. Lynn's last day is Christmas Eve.

Dialogues in Faith: Sundays, 9 and 10:30am

November 11 and 18: *"We know that the Church of Christ in every age is beset by change, but as Spirit led, is called to test and claim its heritage."* Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice paraphrasing the hymn "The Church of Christ in Every Age."

Join us for a 2-week discussion series on the statement, which will be voted on at the 2019 church wide Synod Assembly. What is a Social Statement? How is it written? How does it impact our faith community? Why was it necessary for the ELCA to draft a statement on Women and Justice? These are questions that Pastor John Hildner and Fran Huff will address in the first session. The following Sunday, November 18, Pastor John Hildner and Pastor Emily will help us dive into the content of this important statement which is available at bit.ly/elcawomen.

Membership at Our Saviour's

For those interested in membership or learning more about becoming a member, please join Pastor Emily on Sunday, November 25, at 11:45am, at the Our Saviour's Campus. Please RSVP to Debbie Montrose at debbiemontrose@oursaviours.com. Or, email us at membership@oursaviours.com. We look forward to hearing from you and are happy to any questions.

Celebration Sip and Shop Fundraiser

Thursday, November 29, 6:00-8:00pm

Celebration Campus

Come shop local vendors and support The Children's Center! Over 20 small businesses will be represented! Wine bar with celebrity teacher servers and raffle prizes to be won! We hope to see you there— no ticket required!

Preschool Registration

Friday, November 16 beginning at 7:00am

Come join the fun! Registration for the 2019-2020 school year will begin on Friday, November 16, at 7:00am in the Celebration gymnasium. This is the In-House Registration for current preschool families and for Our Saviour's church members. If you have a child between 2-5 years old, call the preschool office at 630-281-4300 to schedule a tour to learn more about our program and curriculum. Come learn and play with us at Celebration Children's Center. Come check us out and visit us at www.celebrationchildrenscenter.com



Meal Ministry:

Sharing the Load...Welcoming a new family member? Undergoing surgery or another illness?

The Meal Ministry team would love to help "share the load" 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" and are prepared/shared by church members. Interested? Please email: caremeals@oursaviours.com. And please email if you would like to volunteer, too.

Active Senior Pre-Holiday Lunch

Tuesday, November 13 at 1:00pm, Francesca's Passagio, in south Naperville. Join us for lunch. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday November 11. Hope to see you there!

Sunday Hospitality Hosts

November 11: Thank you to Our Saviour's Veterans

November 18: Our Saviour's Youth (Youth Sunday)

November 25: Share your Spares (leftovers)

December 2: Slovakia Team

December 9: CARE Moms

December 16 and 23: All Congregation invited to share Christmas treats, cookies, candies, fudge, breads, etc. at the Sunday Hospitality Tables.

December 30 - open

January 6 - open

January 13 - Slovakia Team

January 20 - Pickleball Team

For more information, contact Debbie Montrose at debbiemontrose@oursaviours.com.



Women's Ministry

Coffee/Tea Party and Cookie Exchange Sunday, December 9, Noon - 2:00pm Fellowship Center, Our Saviour's Campus

All women welcome. Here's the recipe for participation:

Ingredients:

- Sign up online through REALM.
- On the day of the event, bring 4 dozen homemade cookies for exchanging.
- Bring an extra empty container to take home your chosen cookies from the assortment.
- Bring your recipe on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper and/or email it to gina7525@sbcglobal.net by December 1.
- Remember, Christmas calories don't count!

Children's Ministry and Children's Choirs

We are providing a special opportunity to share God's love at Christmas...Christmas Sharing 2018.

Together, we are collecting new books for the children of Holy Family School in Chicago. We invite children to bring in a new book that they would enjoy reading, to give to a child at Holy Family School. The school would like to provide each child with a new book for Christmas. Suggested reading levels: preschool - 5th grade.

Book Drop off locations and dates include:

- All Sunday School classes during November
- All Choir rehearsals in November
- November 21, Noon Worship Service (Thanksgiving Service)
- Books must be received by December 2



Eagle Scout School Supply Collection

Our Saviour's member and scout, Liam Athas, is working on his Eagle Scout project and will be collecting school supplies for Frazier Preparatory School. This is a school in Chicago where students can't afford simple school materials. Help these students see God by donating much needed school supplies. A box can be found in the Fellowship Center with a list of wanted supplies. Thank you for your support.

Service of Ordination

Sunday, November 25th at 2:30 PM

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Congratulations to Julie Reishus Peterson, granddaughter of Marlin Reishus, Our Saviour's member. Julie will be ordained on Sunday, November 25 at Good Shepherd Church in Naperville. She grew up here at Our Saviour's and was very involved with Eagles Wings and the youth ministry. Bishop Wayne Miller will be presiding at the service and all are welcome to attend this celebration.

Holy Family Ministries

Saturday, November 17, Stonegate Banquet Center.

Reach for the Stars Fall Benefit. For more information, contact events@hfm.org

Thrivent Financial



Thrivent grants:

Now is the time to apply and use your Thrivent grants that are available to Thrivent Financial members. Thus far, we have been able to apply over \$15,000 Thrivent money to our various missions and ministry events. Thank you to all who have participated.

Thrivent Choice Dollars: As of October month end, Our Saviour's has received \$5,937 so far in 2018 Choice Dollars. Thanks to all who have participated. Need more information on how to make a difference? Call your local Thrivent Representative, or contact Jennifer Sevaton at Jennifersevaton@oursaviours.com.

AMAZON SMILE

Did you know your purchases can make a difference? With the holidays approaching, you may get busy shopping for gifts; books, school supplies, or holiday sharing gifts to donate to our mission partners. By remembering to shop at smile.amazon.com, Our Saviour's can increase its AmazonSmile donations. And because AmazonSmile donates to Our Saviour's when you do your holiday shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2684454, we can continue together to make a difference



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.**

Children's Ministry Coordinator

We are looking for a Children's Ministry Coordinator to coordinate the implementation of the strategies for faith formation for children and their families with children ages 3 through grade 5, with a strong emphasis on building relationships among God, children, and community. Questions?

Email: childrensministry@oursaviours.com

Nursery Help Needed!

We are looking for nursery care attendants. This is a paid position. Interested? Please email nursery@oursaviours.com.

Serving Opportunities

Refugee needs: Boys' and Girls' winter outdoor gear, size infant-10: winter coats, scarves, hats, gloves, mittens, boots. Also crib, infant carrier, stroller. Please contact Anne at 630-961-3961 or annecwentz@wideopenwest.com.

Donating flowers for the altar: Honor someone, or make it in memory of someone. Write a check, place in offering plate, or drop it off at the front office. Checks payable to OSLC, cost is \$30. Contact Holly at Hollymckinney@oursaviours.com.

Prayers for this week:

- We rejoice in new life, and celebrate with Mark and Cindy Baleskie at the birth of son, Colin Anthony; grandparents are Frank and Kim Baleskie.
- We rejoice with Sarah and Kevin O'Keefe at the birth, Norah Elizabeth; grandparents are Ginny and Mark Rahmel
- We lift up in prayer Lynn and Glen Gutzke and family at the death of her father, William Tracy.

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

Financials:

Weekend Oct 27/28

Worship attendance	717
General offering	\$ 53,051.60

Weekend of Nov 3/4

Worship attendance	722
General offering	\$ 47,654.84

Holden Village Trip: July 27-August 3, 2019

To confirm your place on the trip, a deposit of \$200 per person is due by November 18. Questions? Please talk to Kris Reenstjerna at 314-852-6585 or k2r123@aol.com. Check out www.holdenvillage.org, to see more about Holden Village.

Slovakia Ministry

The trip is June 27 – July 9, 2019

We are partnering with Grace Lutheran Church in River Forest in 2019 to teach Vacation Bible School at the Center for Christian Education in Martin, Slovakia. Email Pastor Brian at pastorbrian@oursaviours.com.

The Annual Slovakia Fundraising Dinner is Saturday, January 19, 6:00 - 9:00pm at the Celebration Campus. Stay tuned!

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 11

Worship - 8:00, 9:00, 10:30am (OS)
Sunday School - 9, 10:30am (OS)
Worship Service - 10:00am (C)
Sunday School - 10:00 am (C)
Surge - noon (C)
Ignition: 6:00pm (C)

Monday, November 12

Stephen Ministers - 7:00pm (OS)

Tuesday, November 13

Bible Study - 9:30am (OS)
Bach Bells - 1:00pm (OS)
Pickle Ball - 2:45pm (C)
Bach Ringers - 7:00pm (OS)
Troop 107 meeting - 7:00pm (OS)

Wednesday, November 14

Cherubim Choir - 4:30pm (OS)
Seraphim Choir - 4:30 (OS)
Surge Make up - 5:00pm (OS)
Family Pizza - 5:15pm (OS)
Praise Express/Praise Percussion - 6:00pm (OS)
Eagles Wings - 7:00pm (OS)

Thursday, November 15

Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10:00am (C)
Hearts in Puppetry - 7:00pm (OS)
Men's Chorale - 6:30pm (OS)
Women's Chorale - 6:45pm (OS)
Sanctuary Choir/Cantata-7:30pm, (OS)

Friday, November 16

Men's Group, Bruce Riley-6:00am (C)
Friday Morning Moms - 9:30am (OS)
Saintly Stuffers - 9:00am (OS)
Pickle Ball - 1:30pm (C)

Saturday, November 17

Cantata Rehearsal - 9:00am (OS)
Worship Service - 5:00pm (OS) .

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Our Saviour's (OS) Celebration (C)