

Lutheran Church 
OUR SAVIOURS



Weekly Connections

April 10, 2026



Monet, *Springtime*, 1886. Oil on canvas, 64.8 x 80.6 cm. Cambridge: Fitzwilliam Museum.

This Weekend's Gospel Reading

John 10: 1-10

Jesus the Good Shepherd

10 "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. **2** The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. **5** They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." **6** Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. **8** All who came before me[a] are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. **9** I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. **10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Worship this Weekend

Choirs and Ensembles

- 9:00 am Organ and Piano, 11:00 am Ensemble, Our Saviour's Campus
- 10:15 am Celebration Band, Celebration Campus



Upcoming Events

- **Dialogues in Faith:** Sunday, April 12, 10:15, Our Saviour's Campus, Advent Room. Week one of a four-week book series on "Miracles and Wonder: The Historical Mystery of Jesus," by Elaine Pagels. Explore some of the major questions around Jesus with us! You are invited whether or not you've read the book.
- **"Cape"-able for Christ: Heroic Acts that Empower," Variety Show:** Sunday, April 12, 4 pm, Celebration Campus. Have a gift to share? OSLC members of ALL ages are invited to perform and share their Variety Show act! Sign up [here](#). All tickets will be sold at the event. Come ready for fun, raffle prizes, and a showcase of the variety of gifts God has given us! All proceeds will support our summer youth mission trips to Slovakia and Milwaukee, WI. More details [here](#). Ignition Promo [Video](#)
- **Room4Both:** Monday, April 13, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 1313 N. Mill St., Naperville. This month's theme: *PowerPoint Night*, bring your own presentation and let's all share things we are wayyy too passionate about! (This small group is made up of people from several DuPage and Will County churches, all gathered as queer Christians seeking to grow in faith together.)
- **Senior Lunch:** Monday, April 13, Noon, Fellowship Hall, Our Saviour's Campus, RSVP to the front office.
- **Family Fun Hot Wheels Event:** Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 10 am -12 pm, Celebration Campus. Games and activities! Fun for the whole family!
- **Art Gallery Q&A:** Sunday, April 19, 10:15-11:15 am. Come meet our exhibiting artist and photographer, Craig Pynn, in the Our Saviour's Campus Art Gallery.
- **Ladies' Tea: *Sipping on Serenity*:** Saturday, April 25, 11:00 am –1:00 pm in the Our Saviour's Campus Fellowship Hall, featuring harpist Hannah Magraw and a joyful afternoon of tea, laughter, games, and prizes. [Register](#) or pay at the door (\$30), and feel free to wear your favorite hat, Easter bonnet, or fascinator!
- **OSLC Plant Sale:** Saturday, May 9, from 10 am-2 pm. These beautiful plants come fully grown and ready for your garden. *All proceeds support our mission partners in Mozambique.* Come pick up pre-ordered plants, as well as a variety available on the day! [Silly Plant Sale Video](#)
- **Slovakia Dinner:** Saturday, May 16, 6 pm-9 pm, Our Saviour's Campus, Fellowship Hall. Tickets can be purchased [here](#). See the Mission page on our website for more details.



Good Eats



Good Cause



April 14 | 11am-9pm

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Community Connections

- **Hygiene Kits for West Side Heroin and Opioid Task Force, Pastor Fanya Burford Berry, Director:** Starting April 11, help provide items to assemble 25+ hygiene kits for our neighbors on Chicago's West Side. *Donations due by April 19* and may be dropped off in the Celebration Campus Lobby Bins or the Our Saviour's Campus Mission Corner. For the full list of products, click [here](#).
- **Author Event:** Monday, April 20, at 7 pm. The Unity in Diversity Team at River Glen Presbyterian Church in Naperville invites you to a special evening of reading and conversation in their sanctuary, as they welcome award-winning nonbinary journalist and author of *American Teenager: How Trans Kids Are Surviving Hate and Finding Joy in a Turbulent Era* for a reading and Q&A. In preparation for the event, you are also invited to take part in a book discussion on Wednesday, April 8, and Thursday, April 16, at 7 pm in Room 108 (lower level). No registration is required for either of these gatherings.
- **Samara Care Grief Groups:** provide a safe and supportive environment for adults who have lost a spouse, friend, parent, partner, or other loved one. Our grief groups help: Facilitate acceptance and promote healing, normalize the impact of grief, provide a nonjudgmental space to share thoughts, process emotions, and receive support. Both programs are offered in 8-week sessions. Area congregations are sponsoring the programs, making them available at no cost. An experienced SamaraCare facilitator will lead each group. Participants from various spiritual orientations are welcome. *Please register as soon as possible as space is limited.*
 - One session will meet virtually every Thursday from 7 pm-8:30 pm beginning April 16th through June 11th.
 - The next session will meet virtually every Wednesday from 6:30 pm-8 pm beginning June 10th through July 29th.

For questions or to register, contact Joellen Hosler, PhD, M.Div., LCPC, at 630-357-2456, ext. 419 or jhosler@samaracarecounseling.org.

- **Naper Settlement Exhibit, We the People: Naperville and the American Story:** The curator of this exhibit is our very own, Dr. Andrea Field. As curator, she researched and wrote content for the exhibit and its interactives, and selected artifacts for display. Head on over to Naper Settlement to learn more about our Nation's and our communities' history, and to support Andrea's diligence and gifts. On display through December. More information can be found on the Naper Settlement [website](#).



your kindness save a life

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Tuesday, May 12th, 2026
12 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

25 Blood Donors needed at this event to supply patient need!



Who's coming with me to donate some blood?

Click the button below to sign up!

"Just casually saving lives, no big deal."

Caring for Creation

Take Action this Earth Day

- **An Evening with Urban Canopy:** Tuesday, April 14, 7pm, Adam Schwartz Compost Club Engagement Coordinator, will be speaking about food composting at home and at church. The congregation is invited to attend. This special event will be held in the Surge Room, located in the basement of Our Saviour's Campus.
- **Caring for Creation: Earth Day Event with Diane Osgood:** Thursday, April 16, 7 pm, Celebration Campus Conference Room. In celebration of Earth Day, OSLC Caring for Creation is partnering with Naperville Bonfire to host author and sustainability expert Diane Osgood. Osgood will share insights from her book, *Your Shopping Superpower: Follow Your Values and Better Your World One Purchase at a Time*, offering practical ways to align everyday purchases with your values and make a positive impact on the environment. The evening

includes a short presentation, Q&A, and book signing. A limited number of books will be available, or you can purchase one in advance at Anderson's Bookshop. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

- **DuPage River Cleanup:** Saturday, April 18, 9 am- 12 pm, Knoch Knolls Park Nature Center. Join OSLC Caring for Creation as we participate in the annual DuPage River cleanup in partnership with The Conservation Foundation. This community-wide event helps remove trash from the DuPage River and Salt Creek, improving local ecosystems for wildlife and recreation. There is no cost to participate. Join our group.

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

A Worldwide Celebration (40th Anniversary)

Join us on Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 pm- 7:30 pm in the Our Saviour's Campus Sanctuary, for a special Holden Evening Prayer service as we join communities around the world in song and prayer. Though we are separated by distance, we are united in spirit, lifting the same prayers for peace and justice together.

We are **one of only two sites** in the Chicago area hosting this service and look forward to welcoming both our congregation and neighbors from across the western suburbs. The service will be held in the sanctuary with candlelight and a more intimate setting, featuring piano, flute, and guided singing. It will also be livestreamed and shared with Holden Village.

Come be part of this meaningful, global expression of worship.



Saturday, May 9, 2 pm - 5 pm, Our Saviour's Campus. You are warmly invited to **Held by Grace**, a restorative and meaningful gathering created to support and care for you in your motherhood journey, whatever that looks like in this season. Together, we will share time for restorative practices, meaningful conversation, small-group connection, a creative craft to take home, quiet reflection, and other moments of renewal.

This event is for all seasons and forms of motherhood, whether you are raising young children, navigating teenage years, supporting adult children, mothering in non-traditional ways, or carrying the heart of a mother in other meaningful roles. This is a space to pause, breathe, and be reminded that you do not need to carry everything alone. Join mothers of all types (just as you are) to be reminded that you are held by grace, too. Register [here](#).



JUST LIKE ME: VBS 2026

A special VBS service will be held on Sunday during the 10 am service on June 28. Picnic lunch and games to follow! Register a participant [here](#). Register to volunteer [here](#).

JUST MOVE!

Working toward racial justice can feel overwhelming. Questions arise: Should I speak? What if I say the wrong thing? What if I mess up? What if the first step isn't having all the answers, but simply choosing to move?

Join us for "Just Move" toward reconciliation with David Scherer. Through music, storytelling, and honest conversation, Dave creates space to be real, listen deeply, and grow together, without pretending we've got it all figured out.

Sunday, May 3 | Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Naperville

Worship (Guest Preacher: David Scherer): 9:00, 10:00 & 11:00 am

Workshop & Lunch (All Ages): 12:00–1:30 pm (Our Saviour's Campus, 815 S. Washington St.)

Youth Workshop & Dinner (Grades 8–12): 6:00–8:00 pm

Workshops are \$10 per person, payable at the door.

Come ready to listen. Come ready to learn. Come ready to move.

Discerning Our Next Bishop

Take the Survey (scan QR code)

Survey opens: March 7
Responses due: April 10



Open to all members of ELCA congregations in the Metro Chicago Synod.

Listening for the Spirit

As the Metro Chicago Synod prepares to elect our next bishop at our Synod Assembly on June 5-6, we are listening together to how the Holy Spirit is guiding our church in this next season. Members of ELCA congregations across the Synod are invited to share their insight about the leadership gifts our Synod needs now. Your reflections will help shape the Synod's discernment, guide those considering a call to serve as bishop, and support voting members as they prayerfully prepare for the election. For more information and information about upcoming listening sessions, visit <https://mcselca.org/bishop-election/>.

We're Hiring! Contemporary Worship Leader (Part-Time)

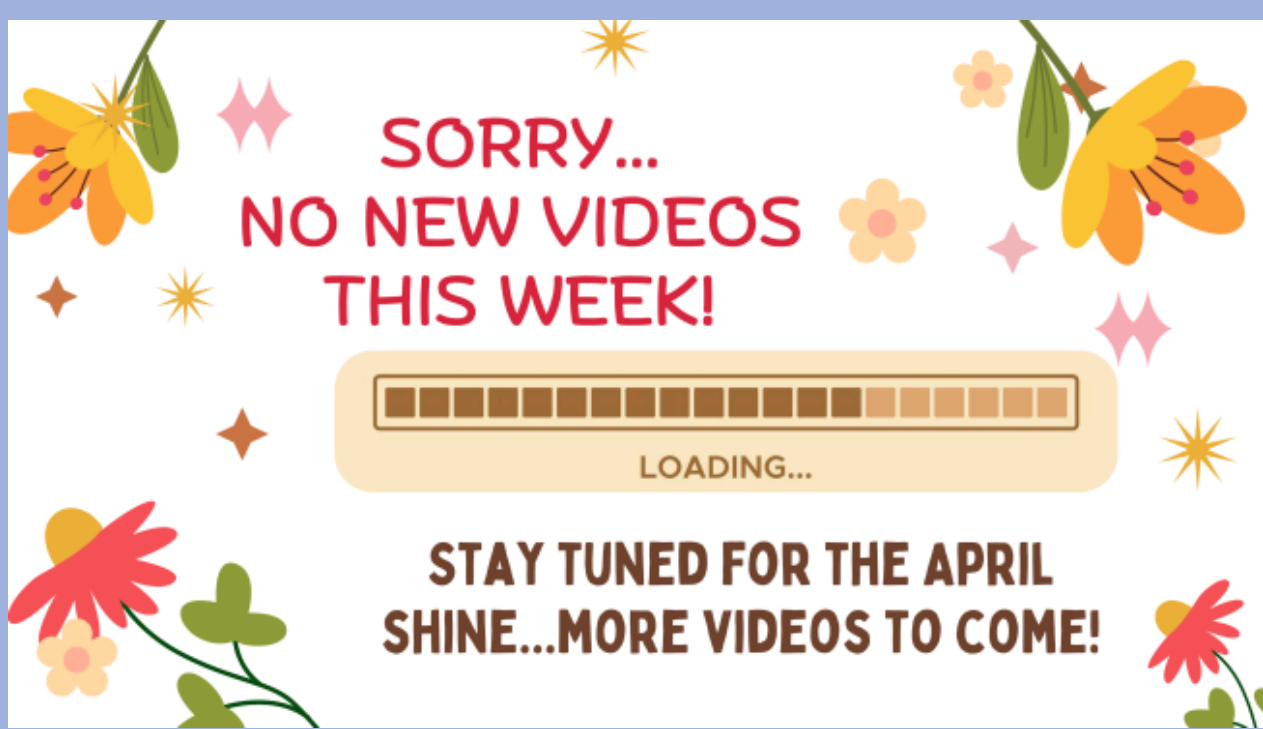
We're looking for a relational and spiritually grounded individual to help lead and shape worship for our Sunday, 10:00 am contemporary service. This role includes planning and leading music, recruiting and supporting volunteers, and working closely with our Director of Worship and pastoral staff to create meaningful, engaging worship experiences. If you have a heart for worship (or know someone who does) and a desire to build community through music, we'd love to hear from you. Submit cover letter, resume, and any questions to: nicholasdavis@oursaviours.com. View the full job description [here](#). Celebration Worship Band Leader hiring [video](#).

Seeking SHINE Contributors

Would you like to contribute an article to the SHINE Magazine? We'd love to have your voice as part of it. This isn't about being a "perfect" writer. **We're especially looking for reflections, recaps, heart-filled pieces, and observations from within our ministry areas, groups, missions, worship spaces, community, and history.** If you're passionate about a particular area of church life and want to help tell its story, you're exactly who we're looking for. Curious or interested? Let us know. We'd love to connect with you! Email communications@oursaviours.com.

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Weekend Worship

Our Saviour's Campus

- Saturday: 5 p.m.
- Sunday: 9 & 11 a.m.

Celebration Campus

- Sunday: 10 a.m

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

***All Worship information, including the weekend bulletin, is now located on the OSLC [HOME](#) page.**

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