

Weekly Connections

August 21, 2026

News and Notes

Worship this Weekend:

- **CYFM Mission Sunday and Back to School Blessing:** Sunday, August 23, at all worship services! We'll celebrate what God has been doing through our Children, Youth, and Family Ministries with stories from youth who served on mission trips this summer, a Back-to-School Blessing for all ages, and a look ahead at the exciting year of ministry to come.
- **Doug Fulner Solo:** 11 am Service

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- **August is Vocational Wellness Month!** See below for more details!
- **A Small Change, A Big Difference:** Take a [look](#) at a recent improvement that's making access to our campuses easier and safer.
- **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 7:30 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.

Ways to get connected: Additional information on our [News and Events](#) page.

- **Prayer Shawl Meeting:** Thursday, August 20, 10:00 am-11 am in the Celebration Campus Conference Room. *(Meets 3rd Thursday of each month.)*
- **Caregivers Journey:** Friday, August 28, 9:00 am in the Bonhoeffer Conference Room. *(Meets the last Friday of every month.)*
- **Sanctuary Choir Retreat:** August 29, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- **Women's Chorale Retreat:** August 29, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- **BabyCare Raffle:** Sunday, August 30, 9:15 am -10:00 am, Celebration Campus.

Leadership & Organizational Updates:

- **Get to know** four new and returning members of our staff in Pastor Brian's latest [letter](#).

Faith in Action:

- **250 Acts of Compassion:** Continues through the end of August. It's not too late to contribute diapers and toilet paper. Details [here](#).
- **Blood Drive:** Tuesday, September 8, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, Our Saviour's Campus. Registration coming soon.

God Works, Stories and Celebrations:

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

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- **Pre-K-5th Grade Sunday School (now called "Daily Bread") Preview Day:** August 30, during 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. services; children will start and end in worship. Regular schedule begins Sept. 13.
- **Midweek Meetup for All Generations Kick-Off:** Wednesday, Sept. 2, with dinner at 6:00 pm at the Our Saviour's Campus! For parents and K-12 youth, this will be a night of age-specific informational meetings from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. **Regular CYFM programming begins Sept. 9.**

For registration, volunteer and mentoring opportunities, ***click the button below!***

Midweek Meetup

Fall Small Groups

This Fall at Our Saviour's, we'll spend six weeks exploring the Gospel of Matthew through assigned lectionary texts and discovering how ***God works through the Word*** in small group conversation, relationship, and study.

Small groups range from our confirmation youth to older adults, and every season of life in between.

Could God be calling you to help create a space of welcome and faith formation?

You don't need to be a Bible expert, just have a welcoming heart and a willingness to grow in faith together.

We'll provide the training, discussion guides, and support. You bring you!

Small groups have the potential to become places where strangers become friends, faith grows through honest conversation, and God's presence is experienced in community.

Interested? Reach out to [Pastor Elisabeth](#) to learn more!

- **Save the Date:** Small Group Leader Training, Sunday, September 13, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm.

If leading a group isn't for you, joining one sure is! Stay tuned for ways to connect into a small group beginning the week of September 13!

Find Your Place This Fall

Ready to reconnect or try something new?

Explore our [News & Events](#) page for a **complete list of fall ministry start dates, meeting times, and locations**, and discover where God is inviting YOU to get connected this season.

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](#).

August is Vocational Wellness Month

What is *your* vocation?

Vocation is about more than a job. It is about calling, purpose, and the ways God works through the gifts, passions, and everyday work of our lives.

As we celebrate Vocational Wellness Month, Rev. John Hildner, (a member of Our Saviour's) invites us to reflect on how God may be calling us to serve, grow, and use what we've been given. Learn more about vocational wellness, take the [three-minute Vocational Vibe Quiz](#), hear Dave Thomas' story, and discover how you can participate in our special Labor Day offering taking place on September 5-6.

[Read](#) the full story on the Our Saviour's Wellness page and find out how you can participate.



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 Elisabeth shares her shift in perspective.

Weekend Worship

[Matthew 16:13-20](#)

Our Saviour's Campus

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

Celebration Campus

- 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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