

Lutheran Church 
OUR SAVIOURS



Weekly Connections

May 15, 2026

Upcoming Events

- **Slovakia Dinner:** Saturday, May 16, 6 pm - 9 pm, Our Saviour's Campus, Fellowship Hall. Not too late to attend. Walk-ins warmly welcomed! See the mission page on our website for more details.
- **Tuesday Games:** Join us for some laughter, community, and snacks. Through the end of May. 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm, Fellowship Hall, Our Saviour's Campus.
- **Coffee and Chocolate have arrived!** Thank you for supporting the Dusek School & Childcare Center in Ibanda, Uganda! Orders will be distributed throughout all services this weekend. If you missed out, don't worry! More will be available for purchase in the coming months.
- **Active Adults** Monday, May 18, at 11:30 am at Tasty Biscuit on 1112 E. Ogden Ave. Please RSVP by calling the church office. Come join us for good food, fellowship, and fun!
- **Banned Book Club:** Monday, May 18, 7 pm - 8 pm in the Our Saviour's Campus Advent Room. Come discuss *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker. Come whether you are ready to discuss or ready to listen! Please RSVP to Kelly Holden at kholden614@yahoo.com. Future Banned Book Club book recommendations (or simply recommendations for interesting titles) are always welcome!
- **Caregiver's Journey Monthly Meeting:** Friday, May 22, 9 am - 11 am, Our Saviour's Campus. A supportive group for caregivers to share, learn, and renew—whether caring for a spouse, child, parent, or loved one. If interested, please contact Laura Weren (former Healthcare/Nursing Home Administrator), Barb Paccione (former Director of Nursing), or Lin Schollmeyer for more information.
- **Show your Support:** Tom Dusek will once again participate in the Chicago Soldier Field 10K over Memorial Day weekend to help raise funds for Dusek Child Care and Primary School in Ibanda, Uganda. Tom's goal is to help raise \$10,000 this year. Please consider supporting the school and cheering Tom on as he takes on the 10K once again! [Donate](#).
- **Art Gallery:** Sunday, May 30, at the Our Saviour's Campus following the 9 am service. Come hear Laura Weren share the stories behind the artwork of her husband, Jim. Retired from a professional career as an executive art director, freelance children's book illustrator, and accomplished visual artist, Jim brings decades of creativity, experience, and exceptional talent to his work. If you haven't seen his art yet, it is well worth stopping by.
- **Annual Meeting:** Sunday, May 31, where we will have **ONE Worship Service at 9am** at the Our Saviour's Campus, followed by the Annual Meeting at 10:15 am. See [website](#) for more information and details on forums.
- **Fly-Fishing for Beginners:** Celebrate the spirit of fatherhood with "Fly Fishing for Beginners" on Saturday, June 13 at Celebration Campus! Parents, grandparents, mentors, caregivers, kids, and anyone who treasures the joy of teaching, learning, and time outdoors are invited to

share in this fun beginner experience—no equipment or experience needed. Space is limited to 12 participants, so register with Dave Thomas by June 7. See [webpage](#) for full details.



New friends from Slovakia are coming to Naperville this summer!

**Create a Home
Away From Home!**
Volunteer to Host!
Two Opportunities! 🇸🇰
June 4 - 18
June 18 - July 2

 ALESS	 MATTHEW	 LUKE
 ANDREW	<i>Welcome to Naperville</i> 	 ALEX

We're so excited to welcome these five into our church community!

During their stay they will experience everyday life in the U.S. by spending time with our host families, sharing meals, taking local adventures, participating in service opportunities, and making new friendships.

From pick-up soccer games and beach days to college visits and community events, we hope to give them a meaningful glimpse of life here, while learning from them and their culture in return.

We're looking for people *like you* to help make this experience unforgettable. There are many ways to get involved: host a student for two weeks, donate tickets or experiences, help with transportation, organize an outing, or simply help create a warm and welcoming environment.

Whether you can **open your home, share a meal, coordinate an activity, or support behind the scenes**, your involvement can make a lasting impact, not only for these students but for our whole community. How will you show Alex, Aless, Andrew, Matthew, and Luke some Our Saviour's hospitality? Click [here!](#) If you would like to see a special video Alex put together [click here](#). It's a great way to get to know a little about each of them!

Little Free Pantry

Turns ONE in July!

Celebrating this milestone reminds us of our community's ongoing support and shared commitment.

This ministry continues to be a quiet blessing; it is used frequently and restocked almost weekly.

Right now, we need specific protein-rich foods like **canned chicken, tuna, and peanut butter!** These high-protein foods provide lasting nourishment and energy. **Easy-open cans are especially helpful!** If you're able, please consider donating these items!

Just place your donation in the pantry directly outside Door #3 at the Our Saviour's campus, or leave items on the shelf outside the Bonhoeffer conference room.

Your simple contributions **make a big difference** for our neighbors. We truly appreciate your ongoing support and generosity, which help us serve our community better!

VBS 2026!

June 22–26, 9:00 am–12:00 pm at the Our Saviour's campus for ages 4 through incoming 5th grade. Cost is \$50 per child (scholarships available). Registration is now closed, but if you have questions, please contact Brittany Sheldon at brittanyseldon@oursaviours.com.

Join us for our *Just Like Me: VBS Celebration Sunday* during the **10 am worship service at Celebration Campus**, featuring music, stories, and highlights from an incredible week together. Our 5th Grade Leadership Track participants will help lead worship as we celebrate joy, belonging, and community.

After worship, stay for lunch (details coming soon!) and our "Just Like Me Walk, Roll & Run in Color" — a fun, all-ages event filled with movement, color, and celebration!

We'd love your help bringing VBS to life!

We've created a [wishlist](#) of simple items that will help create meaningful, hands-on experiences for our kids. If you're able, please take a moment to check it out and consider sending items directly to the church.

Every item you give helps a child feel seen, valued, and connected...just like them, just like us, just like God's beautiful community.

Thank you for being part of something so special!

JOIN IN THE JOURNEY TO MOZAMBIQUE

This summer, twelve members of Our Saviour's will travel to Chimoio, Mozambique, to support and strengthen our partnership with the Lutheran community there.

The team will gather the requested items to bring with them and collect financial donations to purchase needed supplies upon arrival in Mozambique.

How You Can Help:

- Grab a tag from the Giving Trees at church
- Shop the [Amazon Wish List](#) or donate requested items
- Sponsor a backpack of supplies for a patient advocate (\$200)

All donations are due by **June 21, 2026**. More information on our [webpage](#).

Thank you for supporting this life-changing ministry and keeping our travelers and partners in your prayers.

COMING SOON! MEGA GARAGE SALE

This isn't just a garage sale...it's one of the biggest acts of generosity our community takes part in all year.

Every donated item, volunteer hour, and purchase helps support local and global mission partners through a sale where **100% of the profits are gifted away**.

Plus, it's a fun, joy-filled week of neighbors showing up, working side by side, and making a real difference together.

Drop-Off & Set-Up: May 26–June 4
Sale Days: June 5–6

This year includes some **SPECIAL** perks for 1st-time volunteers! Check out the webpage for details. [Email](#) or visit our [website](#) to learn more about this incredible tradition and find ways to participate! You already in? Sign up [here](#)!

Community Connections

- **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.*
 - The next session will meet virtually every Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 8 pm, beginning June 10 and continuing through July 29.For questions or to register, contact Joellen Hosler, PhD, M.Div., LCPC, at 630-357-2456, ext. 419 or jhosler@samaracarecounseling.org.
- **Farmers Market Guide:** Caring for Creation member Lora-Lee Wike gathered a list of markets in Naperville and nearby communities, and discovered there's a local option almost every day of the week! Check out the C4C [page](#) for a full list of locations and times!

- **Aurora Pride Parade:** We're excited to share that Our Saviour's has been selected to march in the Aurora Pride Parade on June 14! As a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, we are committed to full inclusion, affirming that every person is created in God's image and is deeply loved. This is more than a parade—it's a chance to live out our mission: to know Jesus and make Jesus known by celebrating the dignity, sacred worth, and belonging of all people. Together, we'll show up with joy, welcome, and a spirit of love for our neighbors and community. If you'd like to participate, we invite you to [sign up](#). Additionally, there will be a pre-parade prep party on Tuesday, June 9, at 7 pm in the Advent Room at Our Saviour's Campus.

**Naperville Baha'i Community and Illinois
Citizens for Race Amity invite you to**

RACE AMITY CONVERSATIONS

**SATURDAY,
JUNE 6, 2026
2-4 PM**

**Naperville Nichols Public Library
200 W Jefferson Ave.**

Meet Mr. Van Gilmer, a participant in the 1960 Greensboro lunch counter sit-ins, and hear firsthand what it took to stand for justice and why it still matters today.

Highlights Gallery Tab

Not on Social Media? No problem!

Come here to find the latest photo and video recaps.

- [Life Together](#):
- [Pastor Moments Videos](#): Pastor Elisabeth's sermon on John 14:15-21
- [Impact Video](#) page:
- **NEW TAB ALERT!!!** [Seen and Celebrated](#): At OSLC, everyone has gifts worth sharing and stories worth celebrating. This page highlights the many ways our community is building belonging, serving neighbors, advocating for justice, creating connection, and living out love in everyday life. (Let us know if you have a story to share!)



Weekend Worship

Gospel Reading: [Luke 24: 44 - 53](#)

Choirs and Ensembles

Our Saviour's Campus

- Saturday: 5 pm Women's Chorale
- Sunday: 9 am Sanctuary Choir, 11 am Ensemble

Celebration Campus

- Sunday: 10 am Celebration Band

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

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

Looking to make your 2026 financial pledge to Our Saviour's? You can do so securely online through Realm [HERE](#).

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