Lutheran Church

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Weekly Connections

May 1, 2026

O'Keeffe, Georgia. *Red Canna*. 1919. Oil on board, 12 13/16 x 9 1/2 inches

This Weekend's
Gospel Reading
John 14 : 1-14

Jesus the Way to the Father
14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe[a] in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for

you?[b] 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going."[c] 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know[d] my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe[e] because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me[f] for anything, I will do it.

Worship this Weekend

Choirs and Ensembles

- 5 pm Organ Led Service, Our Saviour's Campus
- 10:00 am Celebration Band, Celebration Campus
- 11:00 am Ensemble, Our Saviour's Campus

Upcoming Events

JUST MOVE

THIS SUNDAY!

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

Come ready to listen. Come ready to learn. Come ready to move.
*Check out the JUST MOVE promo video **here.***

- **Dialogues in Faith:** Sunday, May 3, 10:15 am, Our Saviour's Campus, Advent Room. We will continue discussing questions and possible answers about the life of Jesus using Elaine Pagels' book, *"Miracles and Wonder: The Historical Mystery of Jesus."* You are invited whether or not you've read the book.
- **Tuesday Games:** Join us for some laughter and community. Through the end of May. 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm, Fellowship Hall, Our Saviour's Campus.
- **Support the Dusek School & Childcare Center in Ibanda, Uganda:** Now serving over 1,300 students and growing! We're raising funds to complete a new three-story student building, expand classroom space, and add a library, computer lab, kitchen, and housing for exam-prep students. Donations will help purchase essential materials like concrete and rebar ahead of the dry construction season. Donate **here.** Watch our impact video **here.**
- **Haiti Scholars Karisma Boutique Fundraiser:** Wednesday, May 6, 4 pm - 8 pm, Enjoy 15% off your purchase, with 15% donated to Haiti Scholars. Every purchase helps feed, educate, and support children in Haiti. 232 S. Washington St.
- **Fabyan Villa and Japanese Garden Tour in Geneva (Hosted by Women's Ministry:** Thursday, May 14, at 10:00 am. Together, we'll explore the beautiful estate featured in the

book, *The Woman Who Smashed Codes,* and enjoy a private guided tour through the Villa and gardens. Cost is $15 per person, with an optional lunch nearby afterward. Sign up **here**.

- **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.

Braver Angels Workshop Registration

BabyCare Ministry

You're invited to be part of something meaningful (and cozy)!

The BabyCare Ministry is hosting a special Quilt Raffle, with a beautiful, handcrafted quilt ready to find its new home.

Raffle tickets will be available (*$5/ticket, $20/5 tickets***):**
Sunday, May 10 at the Our Saviour's Campus.
Sunday, May 3, at the Celebration Campus.

Grand Prize Drawing:
Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day)

Every ticket helps the BabyCare Ministry care for families and little ones in our community; sharing warmth, love, and hope with each stitch, and offering you the chance to take home a truly one-of-a-kind quilt.

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**. Watch this personal invitation **video** to find out more!

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 is coming, and this year's Just Like Me theme is all about discovering how we're wonderfully made, uniquely gifted, and more alike than we think!

And be sure to mark your calendars for the *Just Like Me: VBS Celebration Sunday* that will take place during the 10 am worship service at Celebration Campus, and will feature music, stories, and highlights from our week together at VBS.

Our 5th Grade Leadership Track participants will help lead much of the service as we celebrate a week of learning, joy, and belonging together.

After worship, stick around for lunch (details coming soon!) and our "Just Like Me Walk, Roll & Run in Color" in the Celebration parking lot!

The "Walk, Roll & Run in Color" is a fun, all-ages celebration of movement, community, and joy. Whether you walk, roll, stroll, dance, or run, everyone is invited to move at their own pace through a short course filled with colorful bursts of powder along the way. **Participants are encouraged to wear clothes they don't mind getting bright and colorful.** Light-colored or white shirts work especially well!

Register a participant **here.** Register to volunteer **here.**

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!

New friends from Slovakia are coming to Naperville this summer!

Five students from Slovakia will be visiting Naperville this June, and we're excited to welcome them into our church community!

During their stay, these teens (ages 16–18) 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.

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.

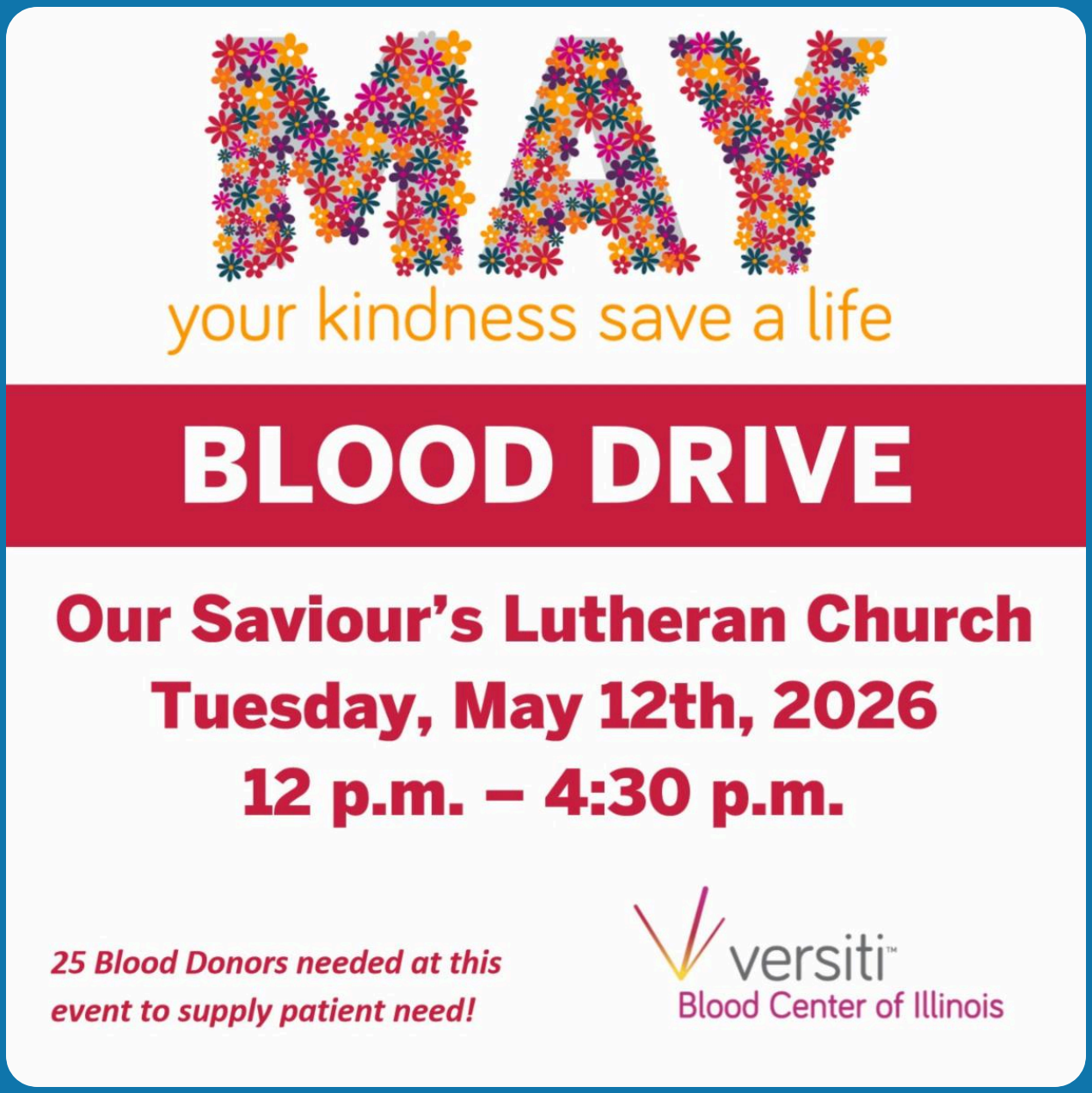
Every donated item, volunteer hour, and purchase helps support local and global mission partners through a sale where **100% of the proceeds are gifted away.**

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!

Community Connections



Who's coming with me to donate some blood?
Click below to sign up.
https://donateblood.versiti.org/OurSaviorsLutheranChurch/BloodDrive

- **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.** We'll gather for a preparation meeting on Monday, May 4 at 7:00 PM in the Advent Room, at the Our Saviour's Campus.
- **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.** We had a chance to go and check it out ourselves and it was spectacular. We were even able to have Andrea share a bit about her favorite exhibit. Watch here on the **NEW** *Seen and Celebrated* **tab** on our website!

Highlights Gallery Tab

Not on Social Media? No problem!
Come here to find the latest photo and video recaps.

- **Life Together**: Ignition 2025-2026 Video...(Check it out later today, when we will also have: Talent Show, Ignition's last night, & something we'd like to call a video version of a *Potluck*!)
- **Pastor Moments Videos:** What if Thomas's story is really about courage, honesty, and hope? Pastor Brian.
- **Impact Video** page: A Wellness Gathering for Moms and The Dusek School
- **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!)

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**.

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.**

Looking to make your 2026 financial pledge to Our Saviour's? You can do so securely online through Realm **HERE**.

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