

Lutheran Church 
OUR SAVIOURS



Weekly Connections

May 8, 2026

Upcoming Events

- **Room4Both:** Monday, May 11, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 1313 N. Mill St., Naperville. This month's theme: Bring a favorite dessert! Or just come and sample! Either way, we hope you can come! (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.)
- **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.
- **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](#).
- **Mozambique Plant Sale and Haiti Scholars Market:** Saturday, May 9, 10 am - 2 pm.
- **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.
- **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 even if you haven't read the book by the meeting date. 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:** 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.
- **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.

We want to hear from you!

Wellness Survey

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.

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!

**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



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. How will you show Alex, Aless, Andrew, Matthew, and Luke some Our Saviour's hospitality? Click [here](#)!

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! Registration Closes on May 10th!

Hurry and register soon! We can't wait for this summer!

Register a participant [here](#). Register to volunteer [here](#).

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!

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!

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! You already in? Sign up [here](#)!

Community Connections



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 below to sign up.

<https://donateblood.versiti.org/OurSavioursLutheranChurch/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](#).

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, Talent Show, Ignition's last night, & something we'd like to call a video version of a *Potluck*!
- [Pastor Moments Videos](#):
- [Impact Video](#) page: A Wellness Gathering for Moms and The Dusek School, and soon...a message from Aless, Alex, Matthew, Luke, and Andrew!
- **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: [John 14: 15-21](#)

Choirs and Ensembles

Our Saviour's Campus

- Saturday: 5 pm Piano/Organ
- Sunday: 9 am Sanctuary Choir, Mini Ringers, Bach Ringers
- 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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