

## Weekly Connections

Dec. 12, 2025

This weekend's Gospel reading:  
Matthew 11:2-11

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### Season of Sharing raises \$5,125 in gift cards

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Season of Sharing. Your generosity provided \$5,125 in gift cards to support neighbors and mission partners in need!

Together, we shared 92 Target cards with Holy Family Ministries, 82 Meijer cards with Loaves & Fishes Community Services, 19 Walmart cards with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, and 25 primarily Visa cards for the Refugee Ministry.

What a meaningful gift to these ministries and to those they serve. Blessings to all who helped make this possible.

### News & Notes

- The December issue of **SHINE** is now available! Download a copy from our [News & Events page](#) or pick one up at worship this weekend.
- We have the **candle assembly party** for the Christmas Eve worship at Our Saviour's Campus this **Sunday, Dec. 14**, after the 9 a.m. worship service in the Fellowship Center.
- Midweek Meetup, Surge and Children's Choir will all resume on **Wednesday, Jan. 14**, correcting the earlier date that was shared. We look forward to gathering again for midweek learning, music and community as our regular rhythms begin for the new year.
- Pre-orders for **poinsettia plants** will be available **through Monday, Dec. 15**. Paper order forms will be at the welcome desk at both campuses and online orders will be [available on the website](#). Each plant costs \$25, with check payments accepted for paper forms and credit card payments available online. Plants help adorn the worship spaces for Christmas services, and



donors may include a dedication in the worship bulletin. Plants can be picked up Dec. 27-28 or during the week of Jan. 5; donated plants will be delivered to shut-ins. For questions, contact Susan Gere at [susangere@oursaviours.com](mailto:susangere@oursaviours.com) or 630-988-1679.

- Save the date for **Renewed by Grace: An OSLC New Year's Wellness Event**, happening **Wednesday, Dec. 31, from 3-5 p.m.** at the Our Saviour's Campus. Close out this year with a time for reflection and renewal as we seek to release what no longer serves us and open our hearts to the Spirit of new beginnings. Contact congregational wellness manager Alexandra Colaianne with any questions or to reserve your spot by Dec. 21.
- Join Caring for Creation in **recycling Christmas lights** this season. Bins labeled "Recycled Christmas Lights" are at both campuses throughout the holiday season.

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## Upcoming Events

- Join us at **10:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14**, in the OSLC Art Gallery, to hear artist **Tami Kidd-Brown** share what inspired her Angel series and why she chose the different media used throughout the collection. You'll have an opportunity to view the artwork, ask questions, and even make a purchase if you wish.
- The **Active Adults Group** will gather for a **Christmas lunch at Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano**. The group meets **11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15**, at Biaggi's, 2752 Showplace Dr., Naperville. Come enjoy good Italian food and warm holiday fellowship, and please RSVP by calling the church office at 630-355-2522. Festive Christmas attire is welcome.
- Common Ground worship will be held at **5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7**, with the theme "A Fresh Start." We will focus on beginning the new year with grace and intention, and all are welcome. For more information, please contact [Alexandra Colaianne](#).
- Thrive will begin again in 2026 at **10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11**, in the Parish Hall. All adults, of all abilities, are welcome to join this supportive group for gentle exercise, a short devotional and a light snack. For more information, please contact [Alexandra Colaianne](#) or Cindy Hildner.
- Dialogues in Faith begins the new year with a focus on our Life Together through the lens of hospitality. How can we consistently practice kingdom hospitality at home, in church, and in everyday moments as we live out our mission to know Jesus and make Jesus known? Do we recognize the face of Christ in those who have been marginalized? Join us at **10:15 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11**, in the Advent Room for a special presentation and discussion led by Mike Jettner, who facilitated this topic at our Life Together Summit in August.
- Join us for "**Justice and Joy**," a morning of worship and hands-on service in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We'll gather from **9:30 to 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19**, in the sanctuary and fellowship hall to root ourselves in God's presence and then put that joy into action through meaningful service projects that support our community. Inspired by Dr. King's reminder that the pursuit of justice is both a moral calling and a path to shared joy, this gathering offers space to reflect, serve and grow together, and all ages are welcome.





## Support Our Mozambique Mission; Order a Christmas Pie

This Christmas, you can enjoy a delicious pie and make a meaningful difference. Each pie is \$30, and the full amount directly supports our Mozambique mission. Just one pie provides about 300 meals for children, a simple gift with a powerful impact.

### Pickup Details

Pickup is scheduled for **10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23**, at the Celebration Campus. If you need a different pickup time, we're happy to arrange it.

### Pie Options

Apple, cranberry apple crumb, pumpkin, pecan, cherry, triple berry, eggnog custard and French silk (all available in regular and gluten-free).

Please **place your order before Dec. 20**. Questions can be sent to Susan Ferguson at [susandferguson@comcast.net](mailto:susandferguson@comcast.net) or 630-699-2432.

Order Your Pie

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## Children, Youth & Family Ministries

- Join us for **Christmas Caroling with Surge** at **4:20 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17**, in the narthex at the Our Saviour Campus; we'll depart at 4:30 p.m. and return by 5:45 p.m., with our usual Midweek Meetup dinner and activities to follow. Please dress for the weather — and festively if possible; Brittany will have extra festive gear. Questions: [brittanysheldon@oursaviours.com](mailto:brittanysheldon@oursaviours.com) and [nicholasdavis@oursaviours.com](mailto:nicholasdavis@oursaviours.com)
- Preferred registration (open to OSLC families) for the 2026-'27 school year at [Celebration Children's Center](#) opened Nov. 17. For registration materials, contact preschool director Kelly Gilligan at [kellygilligan@oursaviours.com](mailto:kellygilligan@oursaviours.com).



## Searching for Devotional Writers

- Can you write one of our **Weekly Devotionals**? Devotionals are written by members of the OSLC community and are emailed to the congregation Monday morning. After you sign up for a date, you'll be sent the Lectionary readings for the day on which your devotional will be published. You are encouraged (but not required) to write your entry reflecting on **one** of those readings! Slots are open for 2026! Sign up to write a devotional entry [HERE](#).



## Weekend Worship

### Our Saviour's Campus

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

### Celebration Campus

- Sunday: 10 a.m.

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

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

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