

## Weekly Connections

Jan. 2, 2026

This weekend's Gospel reading:  
John 1:[1-9] 10-18

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### From Pastor Brian's New Year's Day Message

"As this new year begins, may you know how deeply loved you are. May you feel surrounded by grace. And may we continue this life together with hope, purpose, and trust in God's faithfulness as we step into what is next.

I can't wait to see what 2026 has in store for us, and I look forward to sharing it with you as we continue this life together! "

- The church offices may have been closed this past week, but the DIY Team and some extra helpers were working hard as always. Huge thanks to everyone that pitched in.



### New Year's Eve event: Renewed by Grace

A spirit-filled time of reflection and new beginnings that was truly meaningful to those who attended.



*"It was wonderful to use different methods to explore our thoughts...journaling, nature, prayer, art and music.--Sue Harvey OSCL member and participant*



## News & Notes

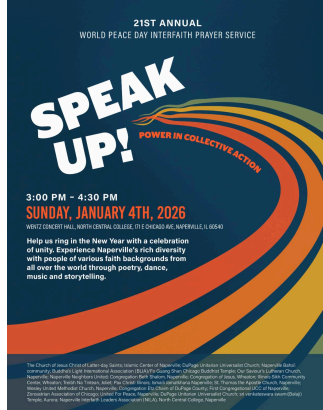
- Midweek Meetup, Surge and Children's Choir will all resume on **Wednesday, Jan. 14.**
- Join Caring for Creation in recycling **Christmas lights** this season. Bins labeled "Recycled Christmas Lights" are at both campuses throughout the holiday season.



## Upcoming Events

- Bring in the new year with our interfaith community at the **World Peace Day Interfaith Prayer Service** on **Sunday, Jan. 4, from 3 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.** the event will take place at Wentz Hall





- located on the North Central College Campus.
- There will be **NO Common Ground for the months of January or March**. Stay tuned for future gatherings. For more information, please contact [Alexandra Colaianne](#).
- Senior Lunch is Monday, Jan. 5, 2026 at 12 p.m. in the Our Saviour's Campus Fellowship Hall.** Please RSVP to Debbie Montrose at 630-281-4211 or email at [debbiemontrose@oursaviours.com](mailto:debbiemontrose@oursaviours.com).
- The **Old Testament Bible Study** will start on **Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Advent Room. We will be studying 1 Samuel. **Note:** There will be no Old Testament Bible Study in Feb.
- Thrive** will begin again in 2026 **Thursday, Jan. 8, at 10:30 a.m.** 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 hospitality at home, in church, and in everyday moments? Join us on **Sunday, Jan. 11, at 10:15 a.m.** in the Advent Room for a special presentation and discussion led by Mike Jettner.
- 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 **Monday, Jan. 19, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.** in the sanctuary and in Our Saviour's Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome.
- The **ELCA National Day of Racial Healing Event** will take place on **Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** online and at the Celebration Campus.
- The next book for the **Banned Books discussion** will be Mosab Hassan Yousef's, [Son of Hamas](#). The discussion will take place on **Monday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m.** Whether you've read of not, please come for the discussion.
- Women's Ministry Retreat Saturday, Jan. 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. More details to come.



## Searching for Devotional Writers

We would love to hear your voice! Why not write one of our **Weekly Devotionals? NO experience required!** 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](#).

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