

Weekly Connections

Nov. 21, 2025

This weekend's Gospel reading:
Luke 23:33-43

[View the church calendar](#)

News & Notes

- Stop by the **Haiti Scholars Christmas Sale** before and after worship **this Sunday**. Your purchase supports students and families in Haiti through scholarships, school resources, food assistance, medical care, and other needs. We'll also be hosting a \$10 donation drive this weekend. Look for the table in the narthex/lobby to make a quick gift or learn more about OSLC's partnership with [Haiti Scholars](#).
- Katee O'Toole is gathering input for a **seminary project on accessibility in worship spaces**. She's created a short survey to learn from people's experiences, and your participation would be a big help. If you have a few minutes, please consider filling it out — and feel free to share it with others. Survey link: <https://forms.gle/Z7hCkJHfAjCVRdo3A>
- Join Caring for Creation in **recycling Christmas lights** this season. Bins labeled "Recycled Christmas Lights" are at both campuses throughout the holiday season.



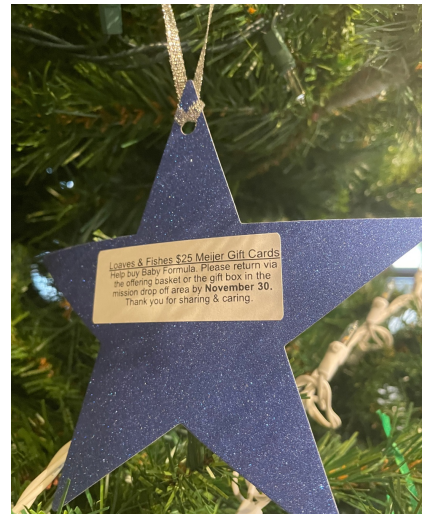
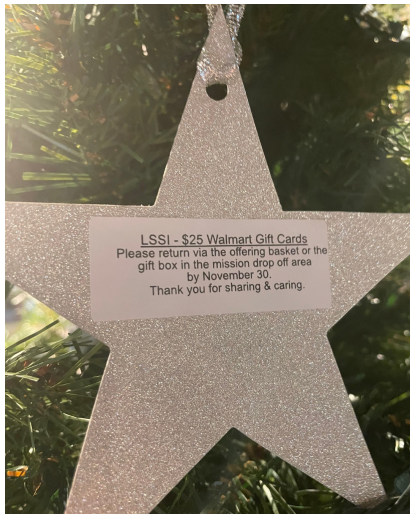
Upcoming Events

- Our **Thanksgiving Eve** service will take place at **7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26**, in the sanctuary. If you would like to sing with the Life Together Ensemble during worship, meet at 6 p.m. in the Bach Room for rehearsal. All are welcome; no experience required!
- OSLC Women's Ministry invites you to a **Book Folding Craft Activity** at **7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5**, at the Our Saviour Campus in Nelson-Niemi Fellowship Hall; cost is \$5 for supplies, and you can RSVP to Luann Gerth or sign up at church by Thursday, Dec. 4 (pay at the door). Questions: 630-272-4424 or luanngerth24@gmail.com.



- Join us at **10:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 7**, 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.
- Join us for the **Christmas Cantata** "Let There Be Christmas" at **4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7**, at the Our Saviour Campus. The performance will feature a choir of more than 50 singers, a 24-piece instrumental ensemble, the Celebration Ensemble, Women's Chorale, Children's Choir, and the Bach Ringers Handbell Ensemble. The event is free and open to all ages; a free-will offering will support the purchase of new choir loft risers.
- The **December senior lunch** will be held on **Monday, Dec. 8**, rather than the usual first Monday.
- Save the date for **Renewed by Grace: An OSLC New Year's Wellness Event**, happening from **3-5 p.m., Dec. 31**, 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 Colaianni](#) with any questions or to **reserve your spot by Dec. 21**.

Thank you for your support of Season of Sharing! Our Giving Trees are now up at both campuses ~ take an ornament; purchase the requested gift card; and return your gift by Nov. 30!



Every Donation Helps on Giving Tuesday

This Giving Tuesday (Dec. 2), you're invited to support our Little Free Pantry outside Door #3, which serves neighbors facing food insecurity. Your donation helps us keep the pantry stocked with the most needed items.

Recently, a woman arrived saying, *"My family needs food and I found your pantry on the Little Free Pantry map — but I'm not a Lutheran, is that okay?"* Because of this ministry, we were able to respond immediately — offering compassion without limits and food to meet an immediate need with dignity. Your gift makes moments like that possible. Every donation helps ensure that anyone who comes seeking help finds our pantry full and our welcome wide.

Give at: <https://onrealm.org/oslc/give/careministry>



Sweeten Your Thanksgiving — and Someone's Future — One Pie at a Time

- Order your **Thanksgiving pies** today in support of Our Saviour's Mozambique Mission: Choose pumpkin, apple, pecan, cherry, strawberry-rhubarb, triple-berry, lemon meringue and/or Key lime; all flavors also are available gluten-free. Pickup will be Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Celebration Campus. **Deadline is Nov. 24.** Order [HERE](#).



Thanksgiving *Pies*

\$30/pie; all proceeds benefit OSLC's Mozambique Mission. Pickup Nov. 26.

Orders due Nov. 24



Children, Youth & Family Ministries

- High School **Slovakia Trip** (for current 8th–12th graders): tentative dates are **June 9–18, 2026**. The trip's purpose is to reconnect with our friends in Slovakia, build relationships with the communities we've supported, experience their culture and witness God at work in the global church. Staff contact: Brittany Sheldon. [Register on Realm](#) through **Dec. 1**.
- 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: brittanyseldon@oursaviours.com and 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.

No Kings but Christ vigil

Join Pastor Elisabeth and siblings in Christ from St. Andrew Lutheran Church in West Chicago and Trinity Lutheran Church in Warrenville for a No Kings but Christ vigil on Christ the King weekend.

No Kings BUT CHRIST

SAT., NOV. 22, 6:30-7:30PM

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN
CHURCH PARKING LOT,
WEST CHICAGO

A PEACEFUL VIGIL TO PROCLAIM ON
"CHRIST THE KING" DAY:

GOD IS GOD;
EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING
ELSE IS NOT

*Come to...
light a candle
sing and pray for justice
carry your peaceful sign of protest.*

Organized by local congregations in
hopeful solidarity with our neighbor.

Dress for the weather.



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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Knowing Jesus and Making Jesus Known

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