

# Lutheran Church OUR SAVIOURS

## Weekly Connections Sept. 5, 2025

This weekend's Gospel reading:  
Luke 14: 25-35

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A big shoutout to everyone who participated in our first Midweek Meetup this Wednesday ~ and especially to those who helped provide dinner! Missed this week? No problem! Join us Wednesdays at the Our Saviour's Campus for dinner at 6 p.m. followed by children's & adult programming starting at 6:30.

### News & Notes

- The September issue of [SHINE](#) is now available! Read featured stories and download a digital copy on our website or pick up a printed copy at church.
- The next **Common Ground monthly prayer service** will be Wednesday, Oct. 1, from 5-6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Developed by our new congregational wellness



### Common Ground monthly prayer service

First Wednesday of the month, 5-6P, Sanctuary. Next service: Oct. 1.

Come for prayer, reflection & connection as we explore different dimensions of wellness.

managed by our new congregational wellness manager, Alexandra Colaianni, this special service begins with a centering prayer from one of our pastors, who then introduces a wellness theme for the month. The service features music, wellness stories from members of the congregation and an interactive wellness activity. Come together the first Wednesday of every month for a prayerful time of connection and reflection-- Common Ground is where spirit, wellness and community come together. Questions? Please contact Alexandra at [alexandracolaianni@oursaviours.com](mailto:alexandracolaianni@oursaviours.com).

### Serving Others

- Our Saviour's will observe **God's**

**Work, Our Hands Sunday** next weekend, Sept. 13-14! This year, we'll be assembling infant-care kits with our [Baby Care](#) ministry and assembling cancer-patient care bags for local nonprofit Bringing Joy. While Baby Care was able to obtain all of the jackets it needs (thank you!), we still are in need of donations for **Bringing Joy**. Please consider



bringing in **travel-size tissue packs, new decks of playing cards, Sudoku and crossword puzzle books, and/or \$10 gift cards** to businesses such as Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts. Thank you for your support as we do God's work with our hands!

- Our Saviour's next **blood drive with Versiti** is this coming **Tuesday, Sept. 9**, from 12-4 p.m. Your donation can save up to three lives! Sign up to donate [HERE](#).
- Our Saviour's will provide dinner for **Loaves & Fishes' Moving Up program** on **Monday, Sept. 15, at 5:30 p.m.** at L&F's location at 580 Exchange Ct. in Aurora. Can you provide a main dish, salad/fruit or dessert? **Sign up [HERE](#)!** Questions? Contact Pastor Elisabeth. (Also, Moving Up is in need of a volunteer babysitter for Monday evenings Sept. 8-Oct. 27. Contact [Sharon Gonzalez](#) at L&F if interested.)
- Interested in learning more about OSLC's trip to serve with our mission partners in Chimoio, Mozambique, next June? The **Mozambique Mission** team will host an additional info session this coming Sunday, Sept. 14, at 10:10 a.m. at the Our Saviour's Campus. Questions? Contact Susan Ferguson!

## [Children, Families and Youth](#)

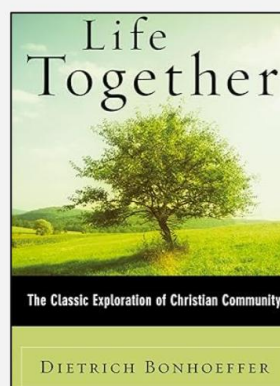
### Children and Families

- **Sunday School is under way!** Join us at 9 a.m. at the Our Saviour's Campus or at 10 a.m. at Celebration Campus. Register on our [Children & Family Ministry page](#).
- Need to sign up for **Surge** or **Ignition**? Register for our junior high/senior high programs on our [Youth Ministry](#) page.
- **Midweek Meetups** have started at the Our Saviour's Campus! Come for dinner at 6 p.m., followed by Children's Choir, Surge Confirmation and adult small groups.
- This fall, check out **Thursday Kids Club** at Celebration Campus! From 4-6 p.m. Thursdays starting Sept. 4, kids can enjoy open play in the gym or do homework/quiet activities in the conference room. Find details and registration on our [Children & Family Ministry page](#).



## [Spiritual Growth, Education & Wellness](#)

- Come to **The Well** small group on Wednesday evenings for a midweek refresh for mind, body and spirit. The Well meets at **6:30 p.m.** at the Our Saviour's Campus as part of Midweek Meetups. Come for dinner at 6; stay for The Well at 6:30!
- The **Moms in Faith** kicked off a new year of conversation and



### **Dialogues in Faith**

discusses Dietrich Bonhoeffer's "Life Together"

**WHEN:** Sundays, Sept. 21 & 28, 10:15 a.m.

**WHERE:** Luther Court, Our Saviour's Campus

encouragement this week; join them on Thursdays from 9-11 a.m. in the Advent Room on the Our Saviour's Campus.

- The **Weekly Games Group** meets Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at the Our Saviour's Campus. Bring a card game or board game; bring a friend; and we'll see you there!
  - **Dialogues in Faith** will host a two-part discussion of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's "[Life Together](#)" on Sundays, Sept. 21 and 28, at 10:15 a.m. in Luther Court on the Our Saviour's Campus. All are welcome, regardless of whether you've read the book!
  - The **Old Testament Bible Study group** (formerly Circle of Learning) will resume meeting on **Wednesday, Sept. 17**, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Advent Room on the Our Saviour's Campus. This fall, the group will study the Book of Joshua.
  - The **Banned Books Club** will meet **Monday, Sept. 22**, at 7 p.m. in the Bonhoeffer Conference Room of the Our Saviour's Campus to discuss "[The 57 Bus: A True Story of 2 Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives](#)" by Dashka Slater. This is a book that has been banned by some schools and libraries. All are welcome to join the discussion, regardless of whether you have read the book! If anyone is unable to cover the cost of the book, please contact [Ann Ahlman](#) or [Kelly Holden](#) and a book will be provided to you at no cost.
  - A new session of **weekly yoga** will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 24. Meet from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in the lower level of the Our Saviour's Campus. Questions? Contact Nancy Sayer at [nesayer@me.com](mailto:nesayer@me.com).
  - Save the date! Monthly **Bible Journaling** will resume on Monday, Oct. 20. Meet at 3 p.m. in the Bonhoeffer Room of the Our Saviour's Campus. Questions? Contact Jean Jepson at [jeanjepson@oursaviours.com](mailto:jeanjepson@oursaviours.com).
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## Engagement

- The first **Senior Lunch** of the new mission & ministry year will be **Monday, Sept. 8**, at noon in Nelson-Niemi Fellowship Hall. This year's theme is **Dining Through the Decades!**
  - On **Saturday, Sept. 13**, Our Saviour's will host a table at [Naper Pride Fest](#), happening all afternoon at Naper Settlement. Swing by anytime 12-7 p.m. to say hi and help represent our awesome faith community!
  - **Women's Ministry** will kick off a new year of programming on **Friday, Sept. 26**, with a Divine Desserts event starting at 7 p.m. in Nelson-Niemi Fellowship Hall. Learn how to make three kinds of "walking desserts." RSVP to Luann Gerth, [luanngerth24@gmail.com](mailto:luanngerth24@gmail.com), by Sept. 22 and pay \$10 at the door.
  - Also, save the date for **Women's Ministry's next book discussion**, happening Friday, Nov. 7, at the Our Saviour's Campus! Join for a discussion of Mitch Albom's "The Little Liar." Set in Greece during World War II, the book follows the lives of three survivors who are forever changed by the perils of deception and the grace of redemption. Albom asks the timely question, "What is truth, and how do we know it is truth?" Questions? Contact Kris Reenstjerna at [k2r123@aol.com](mailto:k2r123@aol.com).
  - Save the date for **Trivia Night**, hosted by our stewardship committee, on **Friday, Oct. 17!** This 21+ event will feature trivia galore plus bites and beverages from 7-9 p.m. at Celebration Campus. Tickets will be \$10/person; more details and registration coming soon.
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**SATURDAY, SEPT. 13<sup>TH</sup> 2025 | 7 P.M.**

**Hosted By: Pastor Ben Sloss**

**From 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. CDT at**

**Our Saviour's Naperville**

**815 S Washington St. | Naperville, IL 60540**

Doors open at 6:30 P.M. for light appetizers and soft drinks, followed by the Gala at 7 P.M. The Watch party will take place in fellowship hall following 5pm Saturday worship.

RSVP by Thursday, Sept. 10 to [pastorben@oursaviours.com](mailto:pastorben@oursaviours.com)

## Community Resources

- The City of Naperville will host a **Styrofoam recycling event** on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Route 59 station at 475 Fairway Dr. Bring Styrofoam packaging as well as CLEAN foam food and beverage containers. No packing peanuts, please. Also accepted: donations for Lions Club, including eyeglasses, phones, running shoes, key fobs, keys,

hearing aids and printer cartridges.

- Front Porch Church's second **All Abilities Vendor Fair** will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, outside Community Christian Church at 635 Emerson Lane in Naperville. All participating businesses are owned or operated by/for individuals with special needs.
- **Scholarship available:** Do you know a student who is pursuing opportunities to serve Christ in the church and in the world? Interested students can apply by Oct. 1 for an Our Saviour's Endowment Scholarship, made available through OSLC endowment funds. Applicants must have been accepted into or currently enrolled in a college, graduate school or seminary program. Download the application form [HERE](#).

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## [Weekend Worship](#)

- Our Saviour's Campus: 5 p.m. Saturday; 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday
- Celebration Campus: 10 a.m. Sunday

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

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