

Weekly Connections

February 3 - February 10, 2019

Let Us Give Hope! Deadline Extended to February 28.

Donations for asylum-seekers at our southern borders

The Our Saviour's community has an opportunity to join with other DuPage County churches in helping those in need. During the month of February, we will be collecting supplies for those seeking asylum at our country's southern border. We have set up drop-off boxes at both the Celebration Campus and the Our Saviour's Campus for supplies, which will be delivered to El Paso and Brownsville, Texas, in early March. **We have just a short time to gather our items. as the truck will pick up February 28 and the truck will leave for the border March 4.**

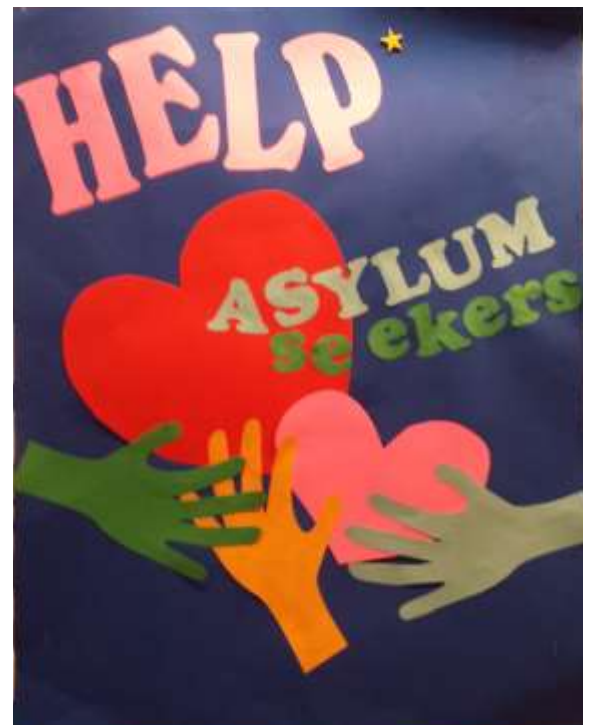
We welcome community participation so tell your friends and neighbors.

Many thanks.

Here is a list of the items being collected:

- New socks (all sizes)
- New underwear (all sizes)
- Coats, hats and scarves
- Shampoo, conditioner
- Soap
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Pads and tampons
- Diapers, wipes, and baby powder
- Band-Aids and bandages
- Ointments
- Alcohol wipes
- Gauze and medical tape
- Shoelaces
- Blankets
- Tents

Again, all items must be in by February 28 in order to be sorted, and delivered on time. Thank you!



Power in Purpose

Sunday, February 10
5:00 - 7:00pm
Our Saviour's Campus.
(Five Week Course)

Give your life more meaning and direction. Register today for *Power in Purpose*.

Give yourself the gift of personal growth and awareness in 2019! Explore your unique, God-given abilities with *Power in Purpose*. The course provides tools for giving your life more meaning and direction, while increasing your effectiveness in home, work, church, volunteer and community activities.

Power in Purpose is an updated version of the *Take 2-Life Reimagined* course, now aimed at a broader range of adult members and non-members in all stages of life.

The cost of \$35 per person includes a light dinner and all required materials that can serve as an on-going reference. Child care will be available. Register on REALM, or www.oursaviours.com.

For more information, contact:

- Liz Hutchins
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- Mark Rahmel
mrahmel@wowway.com
- Dick Untch
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[Dialogues in Faith](#)

Sundays, 9:00am and 10:30am, Fellowship Center, Our Saviour's Campus

Sunday, February 3: We will explore "Faith, Science and the Space Between", a TED Talk delivered by Sr. Joan Chittister in 2012. Join us as we challenge ourselves with Sr. Joan's insights on the two stories of faith and science and their impact on the lives women throughout the centuries.

[Holy Family Ministries and Dr. Seuss Day](#)

Come join the fun on Monday, March 4 for Dr. Seuss Day. Share in the joy of reading with our Holy Family School students. All are welcome at either of our two reading sessions - 9:30am or 12:30pm We will meet at Our Saviour's Campus 8:30am, and we can carpool to Holy Family. Contact Jan Dusek at jandusek@comcast.net if you are interested in attending.



[5th Grade Class](#)

February 3 and 10, 9:00am

Lower Level, Our Saviour's Campus

The Human Sexuality class for 5th graders (without parents) is offered to give 5th graders an opportunity to look at their God-given sexuality in a Christian context. The text used during class is, "Created by God. Tweens, Faith and Human Sexuality." Contact Chrissy Ball at atchrissyball@oursaviours.com.

[1st Grade Devotion Stepping Stone](#)

Prayer provides us with an opportunity to deepen our relationship with God. The Devotion Stepping Stone class is designed for 1st graders and their parents to learn how and why to weave "God Time" into everyday life. Together you will also explore the petitions of the Lord's Prayer. The class is offered this Sunday at 9:00am in the Fellowship Center at the Our Saviour's Campus. Children will participate in worship on Sunday, February 10. Your child does not have to be registered for Sunday School in order for you to attend the class. Questions? Contact Chrissy Ball at Chrissyball@oursaviours.com.

[Youth Auction is March 3!](#)

Tickets on Sale NOW and are going FAST! Get your tickets on February 2-3 before and after worship services at both campuses. Or, contact Robyn Carlson at Ladybrd419@gmail.com to purchase tickets.

\$50 Premium Seats

\$35 General Seats

\$15 Entertainment Only

Cash, Checks, and Credit Cards will be accepted. This is one show you won't want to miss!



[Who will be crowned Our Saviour's Top Chef?](#)

Saturday, February 23, 6:00-8:00pm, Fellowship Center, Our Saviour's Campus

Co-sponsored by the Men's and Women's Ministries

All are invited to attend and participate in the chili/soup cook-off. Attendees will vote for the best chili or soup.

The ministry teams will provide salads, desserts and beverages. A cash bar is available to adults, and a children's activity is planned.

Proceeds from a free-will offering will be donated to the Holy Family School.

To register your soup or chili, please email Lynn Nulicek at lynnul@gmail.com or Dan Zollner at DZollner@dykema.com. Come join the fun!!

[Welcome! New Member Gathering](#)

The next new member gathering is Sunday, February 24, at 11:45am at the Our Saviour's Campus. This is a casual gathering for individuals or families looking for more information about membership. Questions? Contact Debbie Montrose at 630-281-4211, or debbiemontrose@oursaviours.com. Thanks!

[Mommy and Son Fun Night](#)

February 23, 6:00-8:00pm, Celebration Campus



Moms, and Grandmoms!

Mommy and Son Fun Night!
February 23, 2019
6-8 pm
Celebration Gym

\$30 per couple
\$5 per additional child

All proceeds go to
Mission Mozambique and
Vida Humana School

Go to
Oursaviours.com/Happenings/Registration

Pete the Cat



[Hungry for Haiti](#)

Thank you for supporting the youth mission trip to Haiti, by attending Hungry for Haiti, on January 15, at Mongolian BBQ!

We had:

14 celebrity grillers

185 attendees

More than \$1,300 raised for ministry money that will purchase supplies for service projects, pay the salaries of our Haitian leaders, and support the community we get to spend time with in March.

We can't wait to share how we continue to see God at work in Haiti and tell you our stories when we get back. Please continue to pray with us as we prepare!

[Women's Retreat: March 16-17](#)

Vines and Branches: Come Abide in God

LaSalle Manor, Plano IL.

Cost \$115 (Saturday-Sunday) or \$165 (Friday-Sunday)

Includes housing and 3 meals. Register online at oursaviours.com/happenings/registration, or through REALM (go to Events). **All women are welcome and invited to attend!**

[Naperville Community Opportunity](#)

[New Beginnings/Support Group](#)

Tuesday nights at 7:30pm (arrive at 7:15pm)

St. Raphael's Church, 1215 Modaff Rd, Naperville

This is a weekly self-help support group for widowed, divorced, or those going through a divorce as we adjust to our new roles as singles again. On February 19, we will hear the inspiring story of Julie Papievis and her near death experience from a car accident and recovery from the resulting devastating brain stem injury. Julie has appeared on CNN, WGN, The 700 Club, and Lifetime's "Beyond Chance." Her motivating story of being transported to heaven's doorstep will show us an inspirational and practical approach to dealing with sudden changes in life. Besides having speakers, we have a rotating schedule of discussions. See more details and any schedule changes, especially any last minute speaker changes, at <http://www.newbeginnings-naperville.com> and view videos for divorced or widowed experiences. Come see if we can be part of your future.

[Strategic Update and Staff Changes](#)

As we indicated in last week's Weekly Connections, one of our strategic initiatives is to improve operations to achieve greater efficiency, promote transparency, and enhance communications. As part of this plan, Our Saviour's will be reshaping the financial staffing model. Moving forward, we will have 20-30 hours of onsite staffing, while outsourcing some finance functions to an accounting firm. This model will allow us to better support budgeting, forecasting, financial reporting, and free up operating funds for areas more aligned with our ministries and missions.

This will unfortunately lead to the elimination of two full-time finance staff positions at the end of February. Decisions like this are difficult not only for the staff, but for the congregation. Please know that we seek to provide care for staff and the congregation, as well as make fiscally responsible decisions for the church.

Watch for more details regarding processes and transitions in the upcoming weeks. We ask for your prayers as we move forward, seeking effectiveness in our mission in a way that reflects God's love. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

~ Steve Spayer and Pastor John Gerike

[Library Corner](#)

Please stop by the Library and see our beautiful new quilted wall hanging. It was commissioned in honor of the 107 years of life of Louise M. Streedain, mother of Suzanne Donnelly. The quilt was created by Ruth Hild, a talented quilter and member of Our Saviour's.

The Library at Our Saviour's is open during weekend services and regular business hours during the week. Please stop in!



Weeks at a Glance

Sunday, February 3

Worship - 8:00, 9:00, 10:30am (OS)
Sunday School - 9:00, 10:30am (OS)
Dialogues in Faith - 9 & 10:30am (OS)
1st Gr. Stepping Stones - 9:00am (OS)
Worship Service - 10:00am (C)
Sunday School - 10:00am (C)
Surge - Noon (C)
Kids Musical Workshop - noon (OS)
Ignition - 6:00pm (C)

Monday, February 4

Moms Bible Study - 9:00am (OS)
Senior Lunch - Noon (C)

Tuesday, February 5

Bible Study - 9:30 am (OS)
Bach Bells - 1:00pm (OS)
Pickle Ball - 2:45pm (C)
Bach Ringers - 7:00pm (OS)
Troop 107 - 7:00pm (OS)
Explore God - 7:00pm (C)

Wednesday, February 6

Cherubim Choir - 4:30pm (OS)
Seraphim Choir - 4:30pm (OS)
Surge Make-up - 5:00pm - (OS)
Family Pizza - 5:15pm (OS)
Praise Express/Percussion-6:00pm
Eagles Wings - 7:00pm (OS)
Contemplative Prayer- 7:00pm (OS)

Thursday, February 7

Men's Chorale - 6:30pm (OS)
Women's Chorale - 6:45pm (OS)
Hearts in Puppetry - 6:30pm (OS)
Sanctuary Choir - 7:30pm (OS)

Friday, February 8

Men's Group, Bruce Riley, - 6:00am
Saintly Stuffers - 9:00am (OS)
Pickle Ball - 1:30pm (C)
8th Grade Retreat - offsite

Saturday, February 9

Men's Breakfast - 7:30am (OS)
Eagles Wings Rehearsal 9:00am (OS)
Worship Service - 5:00pm (OS)

Sunday, February 10

Worship - 8:00, 9:00, 10:30am (OS)
Sunday School - 9:00, 10:30am (OS)
Dialogues in Faith - 9, 10:30am (OS)
Worship Service - 10:00am (C)
Sunday School -10:00 am (C)
Surge - Noon (C)

Power in Purpose - 5:00pm (OS)

Ignition - 6:00pm (C)

Our Saviour's (OS) Celebration (C)

Mental Health First Aid

Saturday, February 9, 8am-5pm

Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove. This is a free program but registration is required at <http://tinyuri.com>

Serving Opportunities

Transportation Rides Needed:

We have two seniors in our church community who are able to attend worship but need a ride to get here. Are you interested in providing a ride? This would not be a weekly commitment; they would appreciate a ride whenever possible. For more information, please contact Dawn DeBoer at 630-355-2522.

Tech help needed:

Looking for friendly faces to serve behind the scenes. All ages and faces are welcome. Stop by the Tech Booth and talk to a tech team member or contact Chris 630-281-4241 or chrisbrown@oursaviours.com.

Refugee needs:

Cribs (must meet current safety standards, no drop sides), children's clothing from age 0 to ten years; children's religious books for the Burmese church. Contact Anne annecwentz@wideopenwest.com or 630-961-3961. Thank you.

Donating flowers for the altar:

Honor or memorialize a family member or loved one. Cost is \$30. Contact Holly at 630-355-2522 or Hollymckinney@oursaviours.com

Membership at Our Saviour's

For those interested in membership or learning more about becoming a member, please email us at newmember@oursaviours.com. We will be happy to assist you.

Prayers

Ned Musselman, Jerome Goc
Judy Healy, Barb Hiner
Don Peters, Pam Galle
Lynne Sherman, Judy Bell, and
Mike Greene

We lift up the Royko family at the death of Emma Royko

If you have a pastoral emergency after office hours, call the on-call pastor at (331) 305-4381.



February 3—Scouts Sunday
February 10 - Church Council
February 17 - Women's Ministry
March 3 - Bach Ringers

We invite small groups, ministry teams, families and friends to sign up for hosting Sunday Hospitality. For more information, please contact Debbie Montrose at 630-281-4211 or debbiemontrose@oursaviours.com.