



## OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

*"Serving Christ—Serving Others—Changing Lives"*

August 30, 2015

# Weekly Newsletter

### Our Savior Offers Three Services on Sunday Morning

8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Liturgical Worship Services with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. "Shout for Joy" Contemporary Worship and Praise with Holy Communion

#### Hospitalized or convalescing:

**Amy Mathis**, recovering following surgery for a broken foot.

**Percy Bleier**, was hospitalized this past week for testing (abdominal discomfort)

**Craig Tapping**, underwent surgery this past week to remove a mass in his lung. (12 year old grandson of Rob and Lerryn Latimer.)

**Pastor Elmer Medley**, as he prepares for his upcoming bladder surgery on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Please Keep the Following Members in**

**Prayer:** Kathleen Mathis, Mal Schelong, David, Marianne & Michael DeMinck, Roger Detwiler, Marilyn Gruenbaum, Jane Sird, Pastor Jay and Greta Rader, Amy Bontrager, Glenda Strang, Dorothy Hanser, Carol Pollmann, Debbie Holub, Pastor Ed Nicklas, Marie Shanahan, Pastor Darrell Stuehrenberg, Nancy Volz, Joan Roberts, Dolores Camillio, Michael Hea

#### Nursing Home/Assisted Living/ Rehab.

**Assisted Living:** Lillian Velez, Lois Geyer.

**Hospice Care:** Bob Faulkner

#### Those actively serving:

**Anthony Valladares** in Parris Island, **Jorge Alberto-Peralta** (son of Jorge Peralta) in Spain.

**Austin Wies** (grandson of Ann Papp), **Nicholas Mink** (grandson of Allan and Jan Mink), stationed at Great Lakes Naval Station, IL, **Ingrid Mink**

(granddaughter of Allan & Jan Mink) in South Korea. **Jessica Lee** (niece of Randy & Lynne Steinbeck) in Germany. **Matthew Osborne**

(grandson of David & Marianne DeMinck) in Camp Lejeune, NC. **Michael Moeller** (grandson of Sarah Cochran) in the country of Georgia.

Members: **Scott Tucek** in So. Carolina. **Brian**

**Strang** and **Jonathan Brown** in Ft. Campbell, KY. **Brandon Edelstein** in South Carolina.

**Steven Morrison**, training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

#### Other Prayer Requests

The Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth, and Adult Bible Class teachers and students, for Nancy Volz as she returns to work after 7 months of treatment for breast cancer and her new position as Director of Christian Outreach, The Morrison Family, Our leadership here at Our Savior, the Call Committee, TCN (Transforming Churches Network), All ministers, missionaries, chaplains, police, & firefighters. OSLS and Mirror Lake Elementary School, LifeNet4 Families, Food for the Poor, our nation and its leaders, Our Commander in Chief, Barak Obama, and all people in armed services.

#### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you Pastor Medley for leading us in worship this morning. We lift you in prayer as you prepare for upcoming surgery. Thank you for Serving Christ, Serving Others and Changing Lives!

Pastor Kirk is in Corpus Christie visiting with his family.

#### **BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

**Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Happy Birthday!**

30<sup>th</sup> Britney Faust, Joan Sears,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Hea, 3<sup>rd</sup> Michael Diamond,  
Pastor Kirk, Pastor Medley, 4<sup>th</sup> Carole McClure, Judy Watson, 5<sup>th</sup> Matthew Hasselbring, Stephanie Moore, Mark Ramcharitar, Beauty Soman

#### **Happy Anniversary!**

31<sup>st</sup> James and Mayra Keelan 13 years  
2<sup>nd</sup> Robert and Carole McClure 48 years  
5<sup>th</sup> Joe and Sue Franjione 43 years

## **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

### **Sun. 8/30**

Services 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Installation of Sunday School, Confirmation  
and Bible Study Teachers at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Begins 9:30 a.m.

Everyone Bring Your Bible to Church!

### **Mon. 8/31**

### **Tues. September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Meet and Greet Pastor Mark and Dawn Abram

### **Wed. 9/2**

Bible Brunch 10:00 a.m.

Handbell Practice Begins 6:30 p.m.

Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.

### **Thurs. 9/3**

Book Club 6:30 p.m. (see note \*)

Shout for Joy Practice 7:30 p.m.

### **Fri. 9/4**

### **Sat. 9/5**

### **Sun. 9/6**

Services 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation 9:30 a.m.

Lay Ministry Meeting 12:15 p.m.



### **Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Meet and Greet 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Mark and Dawn Abram

### **Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Handbell Practice Begins 6:30 pm

### **Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Book Club Meeting

(See information in this newsletter)

### **Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

No School/Offices Closed – Labor Day

### **Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

Installation of all Boards and Officers  
(All three services)

TOWN HALL MEETING 12:15 pm

### **Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

Adult Bible Class Begins 7:00 p.m.

### **Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

Women's Group Meeting 7:00 pm

### **Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>**

Women's Crafter' Marketplace



## **HANDBELL CHOIR**

### **Bell Choir Practice Resumes**

Summer is over, and it's time to get back to work!

The Handbell Choir will begin practicing on  
Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 pm. We  
would love for you to join us; there is always  
room for more "Ding-a-lings"!

If you have questions, see Nancy Volz.

### **\*Book Club News!**

Book Club will resume on Thursday,  
September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We are  
reading "The Language of Flowers" by  
Vanessa Diffenbaugh. The first meeting  
will be hosted by our own Jane Nicklas  
at her home in Davie. For more  
information or directions, please  
contact Carol Tucek, 954 726-1113, or  
e-mail ctucek@bellsouth.net.  
We would love for you to join us!

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE IN CHRIST

As measured by our church attendance:

Average Sunday Attendance      220

Average Last Year                      216

Attendance 8/23/2015                  236

**The fiscal year, July 1 – June 30,  
Church Spending Plan approved  
at the June 28, 2015 Annual Meeting  
requires an average of \$9,393 per week.**

### Summary of Gifts as of August 23, 2015

Envelopes                                  \$44,927.00

Plate    2,443.91

Other Receipts                            3,205.21

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\$50,576.12

YTD Budget Needs                      \$75,144.92

Annual Budget Needs                  \$488,442.00

% of Budget Met                        10.35%

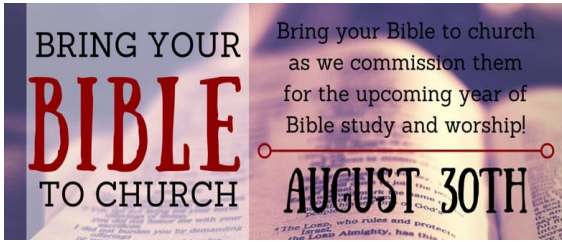
## SIMPLY GIVING IS... SIMPLE

Tired of writing your contribution check each week? Sign-up for Simply Giving, a free service from Thrivent Financial, that creates an automatic withdrawal at a frequency and amount that you choose. You still have an attendance form to place in the offering plate. Pick up a Simply Giving Form at the Guest Center or in both narthexes. **SIMPLY GIVING FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE. GO TO [www.oursaviplantation.org](http://www.oursaviplantation.org) click on the church tab. Click on the "Simply Giving" icon.**



### Our Savior Lutheran Church - Monthly and YTD Financial Overview vs. Budget

	July Actual	July Budget	%[short]/surplus	YTD	YTD Budget	%[short]/surplus
<b><u>Income</u></b>						
Envelopes	\$ 21,936.00	\$ 37,572.24	\$ (15,636.24)	\$ 21,936.00	\$37,572.24	\$ (15,636.24)
Plate Offerings	1,247.78		1,247.78	1,247.78	-	1,247.78
Gifts & Bequests	-		-	-		-
Other Misc. Income	394.00		394.00	394.00		394.00
Sub-Total	\$ 23,577.78	\$ 37,572.24	\$ (13,994.46)	\$ 23,577.78	\$37,572.24	\$ (13,994.46)
Memorial Gifts	975.00					
Capital Fund	80.00					
Interest Income	27.78					
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 24,660.56</b>					
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>						
Church Operating	\$ 30,361.33	\$ 38,186.72	\$ 7,825.39	\$ 30,361.33	\$38,186.72	\$ 7,825.39
Mortgage Pymt	2,191.43	2,616.74	425.31	2,191.43	2,616.74	425.31
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 32,552.76</b>	<b>\$ 40,803.46</b>	<b>\$ 8,250.70</b>	<b>\$ 32,552.76</b>	<b>\$40,803.46</b>	<b>\$ 8,250.70</b>
<b><u>Mortgage Debt</u></b>						
LCEF Balance	\$274,812.50					
Principal	\$ 891.61			\$ 891.61		
Interest	1,299.82			1,299.82		
Mortgage Pymt	\$ 2,191.43			\$ 2,191.43		



## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS STARTS AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:30 A.M.

Please come for a Bible Study to read, explore and discuss the Bible in Luther Hall at 9:30 am. For the next few months we will be studying the smaller books in the New Testament. Although they are short there are a lot of valuable insights to the workings of the Church. First we will be reading 1Timothy and 2Timothy followed by 1John and 2John. Come see what they say about women's role in the Church, and are we interpreting it right. John Strang will be leading the studies and looks forward to seeing you there.

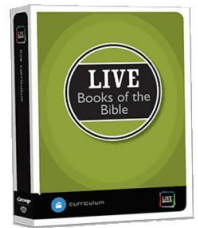
## High School Bible Study

How well do we really know the Bible? This year we are digging in from Genesis to Revelation. You will need your Bible every week and yes, you will get something special every time you remember your Bible!

See you as we kick things off August 30th at 11:00am

### First up: Genesis 1

You are extremely valuable. Don't believe me? Come to Bible study and find out why.



## A WHALE OF A TALE!

God uses a fish story and a runaway prophet to teach us some very important lessons. Jonah, you see, understood what God was like—"gracious and merciful..., slow to anger, abounding in kindness, repenting of punishment." This version of the Old Testament creedal statement is the very crux of the problem. Gather up your Bible and come plunge into the depths with us.

**CLASS BEGINS ON Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 PM**

**in the Sanctuary. Led by Pastor Kirk**

## Sunday School

The beauty of FaithWeaver is that all our classes are learning the same lesson at the same time!

We're looking forward to kicking off the year Sunday August 30th at 9:30am! Be sure you bring your Bible!

### First up: Exodus 13:17–14:31

The Israelites Cross the Red Sea  
God helps us when we're afraid.



Register today! (it's free)

## THANK YOU SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS

Here is the line-up of our amazing teachers who give of their time every week to infuse our children and youth with the love of Jesus. Sunday School is every Sunday during the 9:30 service. We start in the church for a special message before dismissing everyone to class.

**Ellen Clark** – Sunday School Superintendent

**Brenda Sogegian and Kelly Srot** – Toddlers in the Nursery

**Jared Khan-Bagley** – Pre-School and Kindergarten in Kindergarten Room

**Nan Bhalai** – 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> in Room 2

**Ellen Clark** – 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> in Room G

**Brett and Christine Stone and Jennifer Strickman** – 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Room

**Mrs. Bleier and Ms Hackney** – 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation in The Lakeview Room

**Mrs. Bleier** – High School Bible study in the Youth Room at 11:00am

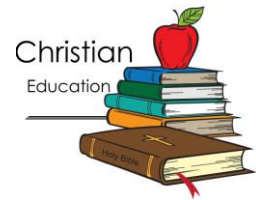
### Adult Bible Class Teachers

Pastor Alston Kirk

Nancy Volz

John Strang

Dorothy Schawk



# Children and Youth Ministry News

## Envelope Challenge

Children and Youth Ministry does not have a working budget. Everything the youth accomplish is financed through a variety of youth-run fundraisers and out of pocket from their family. We use our general fund for everything from youth Bible study supplies to feeding VBS volunteers during set-up. Our youth work hard, but our general fund has not been able to keep up. We need your help.

Please take an envelope and fill it with the amount on the cover; blank ones have been provided as well. If every envelope is taken, our ministry will be able to raise

**\$5,050.00!** As always, thank you for your continued support of our Children and Youth Ministry as they live out their faith and the mission of Our Savior.

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<b>ALL ENVELOPES FILLED</b>	<b>\$5050</b>
10% Tithe	\$505
10% Sunday School Ministry	\$505
30% General fund	\$1500
50% National Youth Gathering	\$2540



## THE CALL COMMITTEE HAS INVITED PASTOR MARK ABRAM TO VISIT WITH OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN!!

There will be a “MEET AND GREET,” on **Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary to meet Pastor Mark Abram and his wife Dawn. Come and meet them and enjoy an evening with the congregation and afterwards we will have light refreshments in LutherHall.



### DO YOU PURCHASE ANYTHING FROM AMAZON?

Did you know that when you buy from Amazon Our Savior Lutheran Church can receive a donation? This is all you have to do:

**Share this link:** <http://smile.amazon.com/ch59-1022550> share this link with everyone you know.

**All you have to do is go to smile.amazon.com and sign into your Amazon account from there. You can then pick your charitable organization (Our Savior Lutheran, Plantation, Florida) once that is done each time you buy from Amazon Smile we will receive 0.5% of the purchase.**

“If you lack knowledge, go to school. If you lack wisdom, get on your knees! Knowledge is not wisdom. Wisdom is the proper use of knowledge.”

—Vance Havner

“I always wondered why somebody doesn’t do something. Then I realized I am somebody.”

—Lily Tomlin

“Like a welcome summer rain, humor may suddenly cleanse and cool the earth, the air and you.”

—Langston Hughes

### Bible humor

We take Scripture seriously, of course, but God also gave us the ability to laugh — and it’s healthy to do so! Enjoy these Bible-based riddles:

Q: Who was the fastest runner in the Bible?

A: Adam. He was first in the human race.

Q: Where is baseball played in the Bible?

A: Genesis 1:1 reads “In the big inning.” Then Eve stole first, and Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel, and soon everything was rained out.

Q: Who was the best financier in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh’s daughter. She went to the Nile bank and pulled out a little prophet.

Q: What was Boaz like before he got married?

A: Ruthless.

# School Happenings.....

Substitute Teachers  
Needed



## **There is no Substitute for a Caring Substitute**

We are looking for Qualified Individuals to add to our Substitute List for Kindergarten-8th Grade. If you are good with children, have a bachelor's degree in any area, and are willing to be background checked, we would love to hear from you. Retired educators appreciated! Please call the school office 954-370-2161 or email the principal at [lroot@oursaviorplantation.org](mailto:lroot@oursaviorplantation.org)

## **Preschool Assistant Position Available**

The school is looking for an assistant for our half-day four-year-old class. Applicants must have a high school diploma, have completed the 40 hour course required by childcare licensing, be fingerprinted, and have proof of a doctor's well check-up on the form the school provides. If you know of anyone who fits these minimum requirements and would be a blessing to our ministry to children and families, please call the school at 954-370-2161 or email Principal Linda Root at [lroot@oursaviorplantation.org](mailto:lroot@oursaviorplantation.org)



Preschool Assistant Needed

## **What's Going on at OSLS After School?**

- Art Club
- Elementary and Middle School Ensemble
- Varsity and Junior Varsity Volley Ball
- and coming in Sept. Bricks4Kidz STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) program.

Do you have a hobby that our students in aftercare would benefit from learning? Chess, crochet, knitting... the possibilities are endless. If you would love to volunteer, call 954-370-2161.



**Volleyball**

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## **Weathering the stormy seas**

Storms at sea have a way of sneaking up too quickly, without any warning. Just when the waters look calm and tranquil, and we are drifting along peacefully, the blue sky suddenly fills with dark, ominous clouds, and we are taken into the throes of a typhoon. ...

Jesus and his disciples were once caught in a terrible storm at sea. And while the disciples cringed in fear and trembled, Jesus slept and when aroused by his desperate disciples, commanded the storm to cease.

Jesus still commands the storms. And he still causes them to cease. Even when our confidence in our own navigational skills has dwindled, we can still find comfort within the storm.

Storms pass. They don't last forever. Getting through them can be tough, but never impossible. And once you're through, you can get back on course.

Even ... if it's a different direction.

—Rich Ferris in Homiletics

### **DO YOU NEED HELP AT HOME?**

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