



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

"Serving Christ—Serving Others—Changing Lives"

September 6, 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

In Sympathy

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Arthur Soman and Joan Sears and family as they mourn the death of her mother, **BEAUTY SOMAN**, who died in the Lord on September 2nd. Beauty was 90 years old. A funeral service will be held in Kansas.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Scott and Shelly Faulkner and family as they mourn the death of Scott's father, **ROBERT FAULKNER**, who died in the Lord on August 29th at the age of 76.

Also to Ralph Musella and family as they mourn the death of Ralph's nephew, **FRANKIE MUSELLA**, who died suddenly of a heart attack on July 15th at the age of 37. A funeral was held in New York.

Hospitalized or convalescing:

Amy Mathis, in Health South Rehabilitation
Pastor Elmer Medley, as he prepares for his upcoming bladder surgery on Sept. 9th.

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, Percy Bleier, Craig Tappling

Nursing Home/Assisted Living/ Rehab.

Assisted Living: Lillian Velez, Lois Geyer.

THANK YOU!

Thank you Pastor Volz for leading us in worship this morning. Pastor Kirk will be back to Plantation next Friday. .

Flowers that adorn our chancel this morning were given by:

Karen Walbridge, in loving memory of Paul H. Walbridge.

Arthur and Beauty Soman, "Thank you for His many Blessings."

(Beauty signed up for flowers just a few weeks ago in honor of her 91st birthday which would have been on Sept. 5th – The angels are singing Happy Birthday to Beauty as she is in her heavenly home.)

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 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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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.

Mon. 9/7

No School/Offices Closed

In Honor of Labor Day

Tues. 9/8

BOLD Justice Home Meeting

The Strang home at 7:00 p.m.

Wed. 9/9

Bible Brunch 10:00 a.m.

Handbell Practice 6:30 p.m.

Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.

Church Properties Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Thurs. 9/10

Outreach Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Shout for Joy Practice 7:30 p.m.

Fri. 9/11

Sat. 9/12

Sun. 9/13

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.

Special Voters Meeting 12:15 p.m.

Town Hall Meeting after Voters Meeting



Sunday, September 13th

Installation of all Boards and Officers

(All three services)

Voter Meeting

TOWN HALL MEETING 12:15 pm

Tuesday, September 15th

Adult Bible Class Begins 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16th

Bold Justice Meeting 7:00 PM

Linda Root (Church Conference Room)

Monday, September 21st

Women's Group Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 22nd

Bold Justice Meeting 7:00 PM

The Huff's home

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 26th-27th

Women's Crafter' Marketplace



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

September 6th – 12th

Happy Birthday!

6th Michelle Moore, Andrew Rodriguez,

7th Jeff Huff, Mike Prisco,

8th Sue Christensen, Carol Pollmann,

9th Victor Gonzalez, 10th Kyra Liebertz,

Bob McClure, 12th Gabrielle Liebertz,

Michael Weidner,

Happy Anniversary!

10th Paul and Maria Krug 32 years

IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS MEETING

Before our scheduled Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, September 13th we will hold a special voters meeting at 12:15 p.m. in the sanctuary for the purpose of voting on the call committee's recommendation to call our next pastor. Please see the bio on Pastor Mark Abram on the following page.



PASTOR MARK ABRAM

Pastor Mark and Dawn Abram were married on September 13, 1981, at the conclusion of his vicarage year in Bayside, Queens, NY during which he vicared for Dawn's father, the late Pastor Ernst Pflug. They have two children, Jillian (Bobby) Wojcik of Plantation and Marcus (Sarah) Abram of Brookfield, WI. Jillian and Bobby have given them two beautiful grandchildren; Mia (3) and Dash, who turns 1 later this month.

Pastor Mark grew up in Orlando, the son and grandson of a pastor of the LC-MS. He graduated from UCF ('78), majoring in finance and economics. Halfway through Naval Officer Candidate School he felt led to disenroll from the program and begin studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in the fall of 1978.

Mark and Dawn began his ministry in Florida as pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Okeechobee. He also served congregations in Titusville, FL, Virginia and Wisconsin and as a mission developer for the New Jersey District in the Princeton area. Most recently he retired from Trinity Lutheran Church in The Villages, FL earlier this year, where he served since 2005. He and Dawn moved to Plantation in May of this year to be close to their grandchildren and enjoy a magnificent part of this great land here in South Florida.

Pastor Mark is currently the vacancy pastor for Faith Lutheran, Hialeah leading worship and lending some assistance in their current call process. Dawn is a career banker, and is a VP for Bank of Montreal. She mostly works remotely from her home office, spending one week in 10 at the Brookfield, WI operations center where their son, Marcus also works as a senior credit analyst. Daughter, Jillian is a psychology and counseling professor at Broward College and is pursuing a doctorate at FAU in virtual classroom education. Pastor Mark and Dawn love their new home on NW 10th Street in Plantation, a block west of Nob Hill Road.

Ideas on How to Invite People to Attend Worship Services

Pray for the unchurched in our community. Pray for children being raised outside the church, couples in marriages that don't have Christ at their center, etc. But pray also for specific families and individuals - friends, relatives, associates, neighbors - by name every day!

Know that personal invitations are the most effective method of increasing worship attendance. Invest 60 seconds once a week to invite someone to attend worship with you.

Continue to invite a person every two months even if they decline you invitations. Those invited may eventually come to a season of life when they are receptive to attending worship. Regular invitations are more likely to overlap one of these seasons.

Keep Sunday's bulletin in your car or on your desk until you have given it to someone along with your personal invitation for them to join you in worship.



James 2:2 “For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in. . .” God shows no partiality: rich and poor alike are called into the Kingdom. Both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the Kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving, that is: giving a proportion of our income to the Lord’s work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God’s work.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE IN CHRIST

As measured by our church attendance:

Average <u>Sunday</u> Attendance	221
Average Last Year	216
Attendance 8/30/2015	231

**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	\$50,895.00
Plate	2,647.91
Other Receipts	3,205.21

	\$56,748.12
YTD Budget Needs	\$84,538.04
Annual Budget Needs	\$488,442.00
% of Budget Met	11.62%



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.oursavioplantation.org click on the church tab. Click on the “Simply Giving” icon.**



Someone told me once, “Outreach is not an activity.” He was advising me not to put time or energy into what we might term “organized outreach”, that is outreach we do as a group or at a set time or in a semi-organized way. Others will quickly add that evangelism is solely something that just happens as you go through your daily life. Actually, it's both!

As one of Christ’s faithful followers, outreach truly is not something you do, it’s just who you are. The more you give Jesus control of every area of your life the more you will naturally be an evangelist for your Savior. No special events or set methods of what to say (although we’ll help with that), the Holy Spirit is simply a part of everything you do and say. This should be a constant as you meet people going through your daily life and as you get together with other believers to go out and find people who need the Truth. It’s all for one reason, to show Jesus is real to a city and country that mockingly rejects Him. Go!

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 seeing you at 9:30am! Be sure you bring your Bible!

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

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



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

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 – 1st-2nd in Room 2

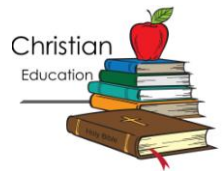
Ellen Clark – 3rd-4th in Room G

Brett and Christine Stone and Jennifer Strickman – 5th-6th in the Youth Room

Mrs. Bleier and Ms Hackney – 7th-8th 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 Envelope Challenge

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

Envelope Challenge ends on September 27th. Be sure to put your name on the envelope so we can include your giving on your yearly statement.



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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.



Bell Choir Practice Resumes

The Handbell Choir has resumed practicing on Wednesday evenings, 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.

BOLD Justice

As part of our **BOLD Justice** Ministry Team Members will be having house meetings. Please remember to attend if you were contact to participate in this first round of meetings. As part of the meeting we will be introducing ourselves and discussing items that you think should be addressed in the local community (Broward County).

Tuesday, September 8th at 7: 00 PM
John Strang 954-651-1974
(Strang's home)

Wed., September 16th at 7:00 PM
Linda Root 954-383-2454
(Church Conference Room)

Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00 PM
Sandy Huff 954-393-6460
(Huff's home)

School Happenings.....



First Week of School Stars of the Week

2nd - Logan Williamson, 3rd/4th - Mishae Harris,
5th - Sarea Mills, Middle School Jordon Sinacore



2nd Week Stars of the Week

K- Toby Howard, 1st - Amanda Suarez, 2nd - Vivian Kilcoyne,
3rd/4th - Ava Kilcoyne, 5th - Sean-Paul Asgedom,
Middle School- Hakins Choute

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

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.



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Job description for a Christian

As a follower of Jesus, you'll share his love and gospel with everyone. Kindness and humility are vital as you speak about your hope in him. To battle evil, you'll receive a complete set of armor. Use it to defend against attacks by a prowling lion or the temptation to place self above others.

Preferred qualifications:

- complete surrender to God
- a desire to follow his commandments
- a servant heart
- courage to face fiery furnaces or shipwrecks

Everyone's welcome, and training and support are provided. Though you can expect persecution and adversity, the rewards are life-changing – and eternal!

DO YOU NEED HELP AT HOME?

All Projects: Ivan Swartsfigure 954.865.2206

Brett of all Trades & Carpentry Inc.:

Brett Stone sstone4@bellsouth.net

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