



» MONTHLY «

# NEWSLETTER



## MISSION AND VISION OF OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

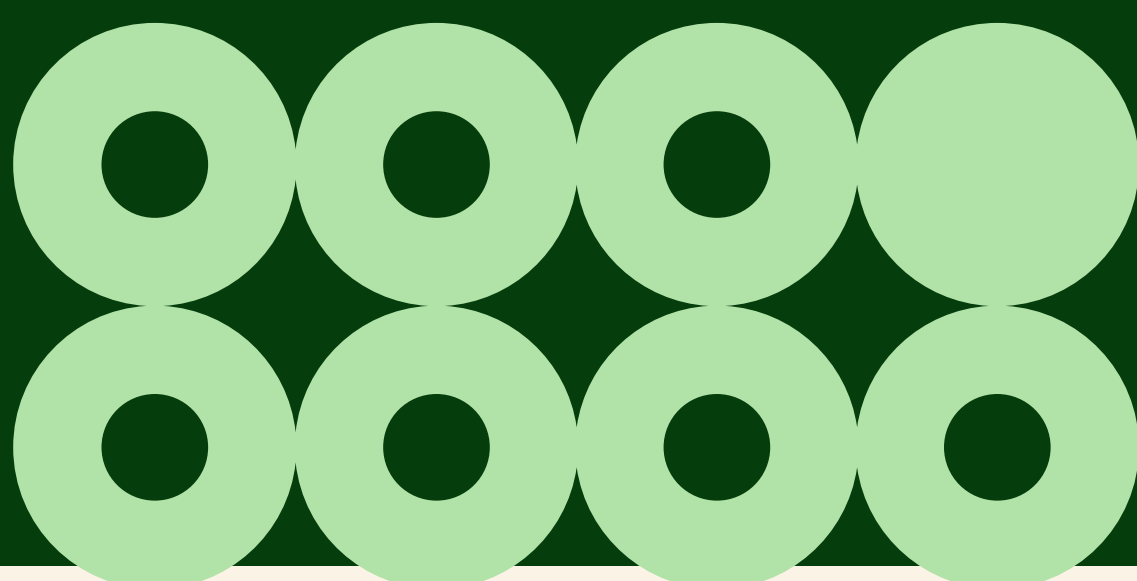
### OUR CHURCH MISSION:

- Gathering in Community
- Growing in our Savior
- Going out to share His love

### OUR CHURCH VISION:

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we will:

- Reach our local and global communities with the love and Good News of Jesus
- Partner with our school to grow God's kingdom
- Unite in Christ to thrive as His disciples



## NEW, EXCITING, UPCOMING

### • Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Men's fellowship and breakfast featuring a special guest speaker, Jeff Hughes.

### • Ordination and Installation

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. The Ordination and Installation of Rev. Mark Chaffee at OSL! Meal to follow!

### • 24 Hour Prayer and Worship

The weekend of May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Gathering and in Partnership with Albany Worships at Our Savior's.

# FROM THE DESK OF VICAR MARK

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**Dear Our Savior's Family,**  
For close to 100 years now, the Lord has been faithful to this place and to the people here at Our Savior's! He has provided, protected, and sustained this congregation and school—and we look ahead with confidence in His continued faithfulness.

A number of years ago, the Lord placed a simple word on my heart: "Come near to me" (Genesis 45:4). Since that time, this invitation has shaped my life in ways I could not have imagined. It has been my desire to draw nearer to Him and to be used as His servant—both in my own life and here among you. I am deeply grateful that the Lord has led me on this path and now calls me to serve this church and school.

You may know that my family is, and always has been, incredibly important to me. I thank God for my children and grandson, and for my wife, Amy, and for the love and support she gives—not only to me,

but to this ministry. In a similar way, I am truly thankful for this body—for the servant hearts among us, for the members of this congregation, for our school families, for the faithful teachers and staff, and for all those who have come before us, are with us now, and will come in the days ahead. I give thanks for the strong foundation the Lord has built here.



Friends, we have journeyed together through a season of transition, learning to trust the Lord's guidance, provision, and timing—and He has been faithful every step of the way. With gratitude for His faithfulness and hope for what He will continue to do among us, we look ahead to May 17, 2026, the day the Lord has set for my ordination and installation as pastor here at Our Savior's.

I pray this will be a joyful time together, marking the beginning of new opportunities for our church and school family.

As we look ahead, this new monthly newsletter is one way we will stay connected as a church and school community—to share where the Lord is at work, to encourage one another, and to keep before us the many ways He continues to guide and bless Our Savior's. I trust you will find the newsletter informative and encouraging, both today and in the months ahead.

Whether you have been part of this family for a few months or for many decades, thank you for your love, support, and prayers. I look forward to walking together in faith and hope, in the unity we have in Christ, trusting in the Lord and His promises. Grace and peace to you in Christ.

**In His service,  
Vicar Mark**

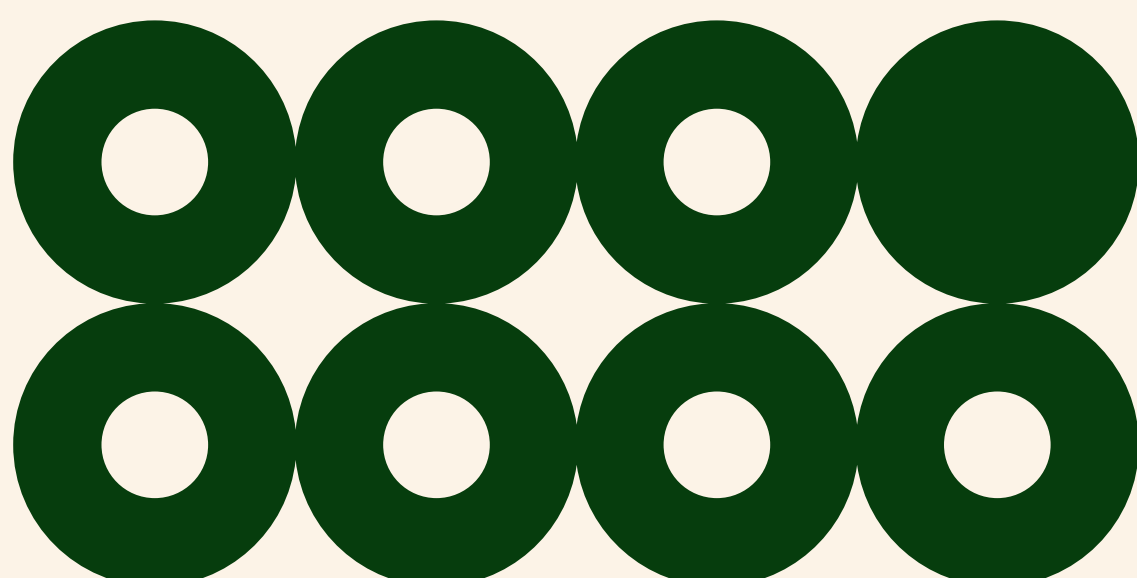


CHURCH AND SCHOOL

# CALENDAR

## May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Men's Bfst.
3	4 Teacher appreciation week	5 Teacher appreciation	6 Teacher appreciation Midweek Service and Lunch	7 Teacher appreciation	8 Teacher appreciation	9 THRIVE youth group at Redeemer
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Ordination and Installation of Mark Chaffee as Pastor of OSL	18	19	20 Elder led prayer gathering 7p.m.	21	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28	29 Lion King Jr. at OSL school 24 Hour Worship	30 Lion King Jr. at OSL school 24 Hour Worship





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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MAY

**5/2, 8:30  
A.M.**

### Men's Breakfast

Our guest speaker will be Jeff Hughes, a retired Navy captain who is currently serving as an Elder and Youth Leader at the Church at Newtown Road, Halfmoon. Come and hear his challenging message about life, leadership and servanthood.

**\*Register at Men's Breakfast at OSL**



### Teacher Appreciation

**5/4 - 5/8**

Join us as we say thank you to the teachers and staff at Our Savior's Christian School for all they do for all the students! They go above and beyond everyday and it doesn't go unnoticed!

**5/17, 4 P.M.**

### Ordination & Installation

This is a momentous celebration for our church family! Vicar Mark will be Ordained and Installed as Reverend, and Pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Sunday, 5/17. Service begins at 4:00 p.m. and fellowship and meal will follow, Praise the Lord!



### Lion King Jr.

**5/28-5/30**

Our Savior's Christian Middle School will be presenting The Lion King Jr. Musical the weekend of May 28<sup>th</sup> thru May 30<sup>th</sup> so bring the family and support the students!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

5/29 - 5/30 24 Hour Worship & Praise

7 p.m. - 7 p.m. In partnership with Albany Worships, we are beginning a monthly 24-hour prayer and worship gathering, while uplifting participants and strengthening connections within the broader Christian community.



\*COMING SOON!\*

LATE SPRING OR EARLY SUMMER LERT Disaster Training.

LCC is providing LCMS disaster response training for Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT). Should a disaster strike, these teams would be put on call and may be asked to deploy in 72 hours or less to the disaster site. This training will prepare a team member for credentialing and will focus on the safety, work, and ministry of Lutherans as Early Responders.

\*\*\*If you are interested in this training, contact Vicar Mark at mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Presents:



Jesus Comes to Seek and Save

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

Vacation Bible School 7/27 - 7/31 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.

Sign up today for VBS! Throughout this program, we will go on a Tropical Trek and along the way be guided by our Savior, Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life! Let's go on an unforgettable journey!

\*\*Sign up to volunteer, or your children for participation at Vacation Bible School OSL. Tell a friend, too!



OSL

# PRAYER LIST

FOR EACH WEEK:

5/7

**Matt Sindoni & Stacie Duke**, Physical Education Teachers, and **Pastor Wilson**, of Trinity, Stamford.

5/14

**6th Graders**, for their class trip to New York City.  
**Atlantic District Pastors**, attending Pastor's conference.

5/21

**Jennifer Cassel**, Spanish Teacher and Librarian.  
**Pastor Boehler**, St. Mark's in Yonkers.

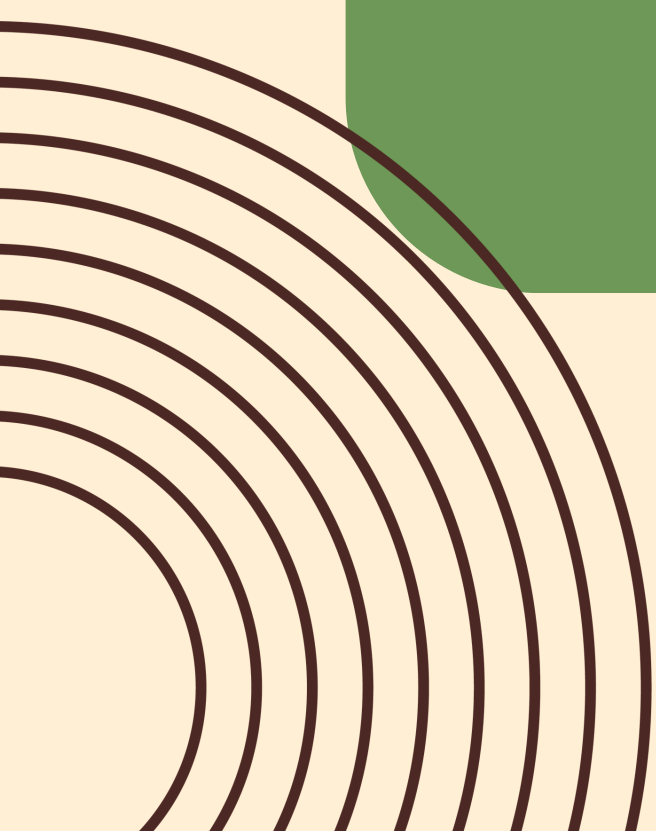
5/28

**Our Savior's School Musical**, The Lion King Jr.  
**Pastor Budenholzer**, Village Lutheran, Bronxville.

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:18*



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# OUR SAVIOR'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*“Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about His mysterious plan concerning Christ.” Colossians 4:3*

## Meet the MCB!

(Ministry Coordinating Board)

### ✦ Justin Alvis

- Justin Alvis has attended OSL since 1995, has served as a youth leader, and as a Christian film maker. He has been serving individuals with mental health issues as a psychiatric nurse, then as a psychiatric nurse practitioner. He uses his healthcare expertise to be helpful to the larger church body whenever possible!

### ✦ Caitlyn Kelly

- Caitlyn has been attending OSL since she was little; she made her first communion in this Church, and officially became a member in February! Caitlyn got her BS in Criminal Justice and now works as the Director of Lifelong Wellness at Colonie Senior Service Centers.

### ✦ John Richardson

- Head of Our Savior's Christian School. John brings a heart for Christian education and a commitment to supporting students, families and staff as the school continues to grow and thrive.

### ✦ Lori Dollard

- Lori has been attending OSL since 1991 and she and Brian have 4 adult children. She has been involved with Young Moms' ministries, Family activities and hospitality, Women's Board and Sunday school. Lori has worked in government, education and healthcare settings.

### ✦ Jerilyn Hans

- Jerilyn Hans and her family have been attending OSL for the past 15 years. She serves on various ministry teams throughout the church. Jerilyn is the mother of two boys, Matthew and Zachary and wife of Matt. She works at the Center for Autism at the University at Albany.

### ✦ Vicar Mark Chaffee

- Vicar Mark assembled the MCB in effort to expand our church's **outreach** and **impact**. He helps facilitate conversation and allows insight to Church visions.

### ✦ Melissa Kelly

- **Serving as Chair-woman of MCB.**
- Melissa has been attending OSL for over a decade and officially became a member in February! She has two children and a Saint Bernard. She got her BS in Mathematics at UNLV, MBA from Clarkson University, and works as the Director of Actuarial Services, Network Analytics and Business Intelligence at a regional Health plan.

